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IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTH.

The Rebel Peter Funk Naval Victory Off Charleston.

The French and English Consuls at Richmond Notified of the "Raising of the Blockade."

A Steamer Said to Have Been Sent to Nassau.

Appearance of the Frigate Ironsides off Charleston Harbor.

THE FIGHT IN THE OGEECHEE.

Serious Damage Done to Fort McAllister by the Montauk.

INTERESTING MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

We have files of Richmond and other Southern papers to the 3d inst. The Richmond papers of the 3d give an account of the affair off Charleston harbor, which is essentially the same as that already published, but with this addition:

RICHMOND, Saturday, Jan. 31.

The Secretary of State has notified the British and French Consuls of this city that he has received official information of the opening of the blockade off Charleston.

"We also learn," says the editor of the *Dispatch*, "that a steamer was dispatched from Charleston, after the raising of the blockade, to Nassau, to convey to the British authorities there the announcement of the fact. It is understood that official notice being given of the opening of the blockade, it cannot be renewed by the enemy until sixty days previous notice has been given to the neutral maritime Governments."

The Richmond *Dispatch* of the 3d inst. says that the Yankee iron-clad gunboat *Ironsides* is lying in the offing near Charleston Bar. This is confirmed by the following telegram:

CHARLESTON, S. C., Tuesday, Feb. 2.

The British ship *Cadmus* touched off Charleston Bar this afternoon. An officer with a boat's crew came up to the city, passing by the Yankee iron-clad (new) *Ironsides*, lying in the offing.

Strange to say, the Richmond *Examiner*, of the 3d instant, makes no sort of reference to the great rebel victory and raising of the blockade, but simply has this announcement:

"The new *Ironsides* is off Charleston."

THE ENGAGEMENT ON THE OGEECHEE.

The Richmond *Examiner* of the 3d inst. has the following:

SAVANNAH, Sunday, Feb. 1.

During the attack upon Fort McAllister this morning, the flag-staff of the Yankee iron-clad was shot away. She was anchored within one thousand yards of the Fort. She retired. She was evidently injured as she did not reply to the shots from the fort when retiring. The parapet front of one of the guns of the fort was entirely demolished. The men remained firm at their gun.

There is no excitement and the best spirit prevails.

About 3 o'clock this afternoon, an iron-clad and gunboat approached within two miles of the Thunderbolt Battery, dipped a flag, fired two shots and retired. The Thunderbolt Battery is five miles south of the city.

Two gunboats came up to St. Mary's on Monday last. One of them went up the river and set fire to the houses on several plantations. Capt. HARMON's company of cavalry fired on them, when they hoisted out of the range of small arms and shelled away furiously.

Another boat was landing men at St. Mary's on Tuesday.

THE STONO RIVER AFFAIR.

DEPATCH FROM BEAUREGARD.

CHARLESTON, Friday, Jan. 30.

The enemy's gunboat *G. R. Smith*, eleven guns, surrendered to-day, on the Stono, to Lieut.-Col. TAYLOR, after a short engagement with siege rifle guns in open field. G. T. BEAUREGARD, General Commanding.

RUNNING THE BLOCKADE.

CHARLESTON, Thursday, Jan. 29.

Another British steamer successfully ran the blockade last night into a Confederate port. She brings still later Nassau dates, but no news of interest.

CHARLESTON, Thursday, Jan. 29.

Still another English merchant steamer ran into a Confederate port this morning. She brings a general cargo of merchandise. She left Nassau on the 20th. This is her first trip to the Confederate coast.

A BRITISH STEAMER AT CHARLESTON.

From the Charleston Mercury, 2d inst.

The English war steamer *Petrel* practiced her batteries, with shot and shell, in our harbor for several hours yesterday. The firing was very accurate, and the loud report of the "Armstrongs" gave effective a crown on the Battery. Fort Moultrie also fired a few rounds, and a general consternation was noticed among the blockading fleet, who evidently did not know what to make of the matter.

We learn that a rowing match is contemplated between the crews of the *Petrel* and the experts of the gunboat *Palmetto State*.

THE PORT OF GALVESTON OPEN.

PROCLAMATION BY MAGRUDER.

GALVESTON, Jan. 4, 1863.

Whereas, the undersigned has succeeded in capturing and destroying a portion of the enemy's fleet, and in driving the remainder out of the harbor of Galveston and beyond the neighboring waters, and the blockade has been thus effectually raised. He therefore proclaims to all concerned that the harbor of Galveston is open for trade to all friendly nations, and their merchants are invited to resume their usual commercial intercourse with this port.

Done at Galveston this, the 4th day of January, 1863. J. B. MAGRUDER, Maj.-Gen. Com.

THE ALABAMA AND HATTERAS.

TRINIDADE, Jan. 20.

The official report of an engagement between the *Alabama* (290) and the Yankee gunboat *Hatteras*, twenty miles from Galveston, has been received here.

The *Hatteras* was sunk with all on board, except one officer and five men, who were picked up by the *Alabama*.

The *Hatteras* was an iron-clad, carrying three rifled 32-pounders.

The *Brooklyn* pursued the *Alabama*, but could not overtake her.

AFFAIRS IN THE SOUTHWEST.

DISPATCHES FROM GEN. BRAGG.

TULLAHOMA, Jan. 17.

To Gen. H. W. Halleck:

Gen. WHEELER, with a portion of his cavalry brigade, after burning the railroad bridge in the enemy's rear, pushed forward for the Cumberland River, where he intercepted and captured four large transports. He destroyed these, together with all the supplies on board, and bonded the other party of the forty hundred mounted prisoners. He was hotly pursued by a gunboat, which he attacked, captured and destroyed, with the whole armament.

(Signed,) BRAXTON BRAGG.

TULLAHOMA, Jan. 23.

After the capture of transports and gunboats, our cavalry made a dash upon a large fleet of transports (not below Harpeth Shoals.) They threw overboard their cargoes of subsistence, quartermaster's stores in immense quantities, and escaped by a hasty retreat.

Our troops, in the midst of ice and snow, crossed to the north side of the Cumberland River by swimming their horses through the angry torrent, much swollen by recent rains, routed the guard, and captured immense quantities of subsistence stores just landed for transportation to Nashville.

(Signed) BRAXTON BRAGG, General Commanding.

KIRBY SMITH GOES TO TEXAS.

From the Charleston Mercury, 27th ult.

Lieut.-Gen. KIRBY E. SMITH has been ordered to the command of the Department of Louisiana and Texas. His headquarters will probably be at Alexandria, La. He and his staff are now, doubtless, on their way thither. Major H. E. CLAY, his Adjutant-General, has sufficiently recovered from the breaking of his thigh last Summer to accompany him. A recent letter informs us that Major CLAY is able to walk with a cane, limps but little, and would, with his wife, leave Macon for the West, on Saturday last.

A PLANTATION PURCHASED BY JEFF. DAVIS.

It may prove a matter of some interest to our readers to know that President JEFFERSON DAVIS and his brother, Col. JOS. E. DAVIS, have recently purchased plantations in this county, and removed their slaves to them. Col. JOS. E. DAVIS has purchased the plantation owned and occupied for many years past by Dr. J. CAMERON, the latter gentleman having removed to his plantation in Sunflower County. President DAVIS has secured a piece adjoining his brother's, being the same owned and occupied for twelve years past by JAMES P. BURN. These plantations lie between two and three miles from Bolton's Depot, on the Southern Railroad, and nearly between Vicksburgh and Jackson. As both gentlemen own very superior plantations on the river below Vicksburgh, we presume the lands just purchased are designed merely as places of refuge for negro property until the close of the war.—*Hinds County (Miss.) Gazette.*

THE FIGHT AT BLACKWATER.

From the Richmond Dispatch, 2d inst.

The fight at Blackwater between the Federals, numbering, it is stated, from ten to fifteen thousand, and the Confederates, under Gen. PATON, commenced Saturday morning, about dawn—our pickets being suddenly driven in, and the enemy shelling our camp by the light of its fires. Capt. CARR's (South Carolina) Battery and a section of Capt. WEBSTER's Battery replied to the fire. After the artillery duel was over, the fight was maintained about one hour with our infantry, when the enemy ceased firing and retired. Gen. PATON fell back eight miles to Carrsville. Our loss was not over fifty killed and wounded. Among the killed was Col. PEASE, of Pulaski County, commanding the Fifty-fourth Virginia, and Capt. DUNNING, of the Twenty-seventh Virginia. Col. PEASE was struck in the thigh by a fragment of shell, and bled to death in a few minutes. In WEBSTER's Battery, Capt. WEBSTER, Lieut. WARREN, and Gun. R. WARM, of Halifax, were slightly wounded.

From the following dispatch, received from Petersburgh last night, it will be seen that the enemy suffered severely:

PETERSBURGH, Monday, Feb. 2.

Reliable intelligence from Suffolk, Saturday, states that Gen. CODERAN and Gen. PATON commanded. The enemy admit a loss in killed and wounded of 600. Among the killed is a Lieutenant-Colonel, name not recollected, and Capt. TAYLOR. Gen. GARDNER was severely wounded. All the hospitals in Suffolk were filled with wounded, and the Baptist Church was seized for a hospital.

NORTH CAROLINA LOYALISTS.

From the Charleston Mercury, 27th ult.

Lieut.-Gen. POLK was in Columbia a portion of Saturday, and left in the evening train for his command. He had been on a visit to his family at Ashville, N. C. It was learned from him that the tories who had been depredating in Madison County, in that State, had been rallied and dispersed. A party of 1,000 men, from Gen. KIRBY SMITH's Division, aided by companies collected in North Carolina, attacked them in front and rear, killed many, captured a number and scattered the rest. The country is now quiet.

OFFICERS OF THE *FLORIDA* (CRUIZ.)

The Charleston *Courier* gives the following as a full and correct list of the privateer *Florida's* officers:

J. N. Maffit, Commanding, Georgia.

R. W. Averell, Lieutenant and Executive Officer, Virginia.

J. L. Hoole, Alabama; C. W. Read, Mississippi; R. C. Stone, Alabama—Lieutenants.

Germaston and Grafton, Surgeons.

—— Lynch, Paymaster.

E. S. Floyd, Georgia; George D. Byron, Charleston, S. C.; G. T. Sinclair, J. Dyke, Virginia—Midshipmen.

T. Sidell, —— Jackson, C. Goin, R. H. Brown, Engineers.

Wm. Wilson, Captain's Clerk.

J. Yeoal, Purser's Clerk.

E. Wyman, Master's Mate.

THE PEACE MOVEMENT.

From the Charleston Mercury.

The peace movement of the North is fairly begun of foot. The voice of a conscience long in silence is heard and virtuous war of aggression can no longer be stifled. The mighty rabble of New-York and Philadelphia have caught up the cry raised by the Roosters of the Northwest, and day by day the peace element in party politics grows stronger and more distinct. The utterances which reach us show that there has been no lack of vocal protest and uncorrupted politicians, shaping their course so as to share the rising fortunes of the anti-war element. Everywhere throughout the North we see people disengaging themselves from the popular madness with a vigor and boldness which, a year ago, would have consigned them to a dungeon; and even the fearless and consistent VALLANDIGHAM takes a step farther than he ever dared before, and unfurls the white flag in the very halls of the Yankee Congress.

To give to the new party such an overwhelming and decisive preponderance of strength as will at once terminate the effort to conquer the South, we believe that it is only necessary that, in the next great shock of arms, which many now be close at hand, our troops shall once more vindicate their superiority over the ordinary invaders whom they meet encounter. That our brave soldiers may enter this last struggle under the least possible disadvantage of numbers, is an object which should enlist all the attention and energies of those who rule the policy of the Confederacy.

YANKEE OFFICERS.

From the Richmond Whig.

General orders from Yankee headquarters announce that Gens. BURNSIDE and SUMNER have been relieved at their own request, and that Gen. FRANKLIN has been relieved—the *General* says in a farewell address to his troops—against his consent. We are not given to understand the grounds of the relegation of the first, or of the removal of the last. A resolution in the Senate, by a Black Island Senator, implies that SUMNER has had some wishes and thwarted by orders from Washington. Other accounts represent that he was conscious of his inability to effect anything. This has been his position from the beginning. He did not seek the command when McCLELLAN was removed, but rather shrank from it, as being beyond his capacity. He has several times since indicated a wish to retire, for the same reason. After the battle of Fredericksburgh, he repeated his request to retire, confessing that the failure was owing to him; for which, says Northern annals, he received words from STANTON and HALLECK. In chronicling his failures, it is due to him to remember this persistent modesty of his. It proves him to be a great man on the Socratic principle—he knows his own folly.

We have no clue to SUMNER's retirement. He is reported to be quite as much of an Abolitionist as his namesake of the Senate; and the inference therefore, is that he bolds in contempt the capacity of BURNSIDE. FRANKLIN, very probably, is a friend to McCLELLAN, and owes his dismissal to that fact. We believe he has more reputation among our officers than any other general officer of the Yankees—McCLELLAN not excepted. He has will be our gain.

His and SUMNER's successors have not been named; and it is not thought that their equals can be found in the Yankee ranks. But "Fighting Joe" will supply all deficiencies. He has told the world what wonders he would have achieved, if he had been in command; now he has the opportunity, and we tremble for the result!

AFFAIRS IN RICHMOND.

Correspondence of the Charleston Mercury.

RICHMOND, Friday, Jan. 23, 1863.

We are disturbed about the action of the North Carolina Legislature. Have we not trouble enough with the Yankees, without war with our own? Our hope is that the good sense of the people of North Carolina will avert the impending tragedy, and keep that powerful and patriotic State in line with her sisters.

Officials think it was the *Florida*, not the *Alabama*, that sunk the *Hatteras*.

The Quartermaster-General's report shows that we have in all: Generals, 160; Brigade Quartermasters, 160; Brigade Commissaries, 160; Chaplains, 160; companies of artillery, 10; regiments of cavalry, and 481 regiments of infantry. In the navy we have now 4 Admirals, 10 Captains, 22 Commanders, 100 First Lieutenants, 20 Second Lieutenants, 20 Masters in line of promotion, 12 Paymasters, 40 Assistant Paymasters, 12 Surgeons, 15 Passed Assistant Surgeons, 30 Assistant Surgeons, 1 Engineer-in-Chief, 40 Engineers, 20 Passed Midshipmen, 100 Acting Midshipmen, &c., and 500 seamen, ordinary seamen, landsmen, boys, firemen and coal heavers.

The loan tendered by French bankers is seventy-five millions of francs; the terms are not yet divulged. Some think this loan, if received, will affect the price of real estate.

Gen. LEE, it is said, has gone to North Carolina.

RICHMOND, Saturday, Jan. 24, 1863.

Neither House in session to-day. The secret session of the Senate is continued so long, not on account of the French loan, (which good authority tells me amount to this, that we can get as much money as we please on excellent terms,) but in consequence, probably, of a discussion which has grown out of a series of resolutions, drawn with much ability by Mr. WIGFALL, in which the true theory of our governmental system is explained, the fact that the independence of the several States was recognized by European Powers at the close of the Revolutionary war Great Britain is established, and it is declared, that in resuming the powers delegated to the Federal agent, we retained all foreign treaties, have therefore sent Ministers abroad, who will be recalled if the exposition of facts in these resolutions fails to secure the rights so long denied us.

The *Examiner* concludes a lengthy article on Mr. MASON's report, by saying that it contains the germs of some measures which may, if assisted by the good sense of Congress, avert the evils which threaten the Treasury, and establish the finances. The same paper learns that Mr. BENJAMIN's suspicions of French designs in Texas may offend and estrange the Emperor.

The repeal of so much of the Exemption law as relates to persons in charge of twenty slaves, passed the House yesterday by a unanimous vote, and it is thought will go through the Senate as easily. This feature of the law has occasioned more feeling in the revolutionary States than any other part of it. Other modifications of the law will be made, but to what extent and in what direction is not yet clear.

The subject of retaliation also occupies the attention of Congress. Mr. MONTAGUE, of the *Whig*, makes some remarks on retaliation, and closes by saying, "It is one of those subjects which we should prefer to be determined, if possible, by the officers of our army. As a citizen, we would be atlantic."

The grand total of the Peace Loan is $7,621,644. This embraces only the cash subscriptions and the sale of produce, consisting principally of cotton. In addition to this, about 5,000 bales, estimated at $250,000, have been purchased by the Government for bonds. So the entire amount realized to this time from subscriptions to the loan, is $7,862,644, or nearly one-third of its whole amount. The cost of collecting these subscriptions has been only $10,000, or less than one-third of one per cent.

The report on the War Tax shows that the per centage allowed for collection (10 per cent.) in States that have assumed the tax is too large. Thus, in Mississippi, which has not assumed the tax, the aggregate of collectors' salaries is less than $40,000, while the average in those States that have assumed it is $200,000, or five times as great as the cost of collection in Mississippi.

THE CONFEDERATE CONGRESS.

RICHMOND, Wednesday, Jan. 28.

In the Senate, Mr. PRESTON, of Mississippi, introduced a bill for condemnation to the public use of all cotton within the Confederate States. Referred to a Select Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS REBEL NEWS.

Brig.-Gen. Wm. N. PENDLETON, the chief of artillery in the armies of Gen. LEE, in Virginia, is an Episcopal minister. He, like Gen. POLK, says the *Mississippian*, was a graduate at West Point, and became a minister, but divested himself of the surplice in the beginning of this war, and, as Captain of artillery, distinguished himself at the first battle at Manassas. Step by step he rose to the highest position in the military service of the Confederacy.

Among the novelties which this extraordinary war has produced are the instances which have repeatedly occurred of late of cavalry capturing gunboats. A friend suggests that our horses should be fitted out with sails and rudders, in order to facilitate their amphibious operations. The gunboats, it must be admitted, have fallen amazingly from their original prestige. At one time, they had nearly scared the South from its propriety; but they are now manifest humbugs, which even a few troopers can explode. The gallant cities of Vicksburgh and Richmond deserve the credit of having first shore the gunboats of their terrors. From the hour when Drewry's Bluff demolished their iron-clads, they have been gradually sinking to their proper level.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

Several Yankee gunboats went up the Nassau River, Fla., a few days since, to get some lumber. The lumber was burned by our people, and the boats were attacked by our troops, and about thirty of the Yankees killed. No loss on our side.

The Yankee Congress has on foot a scheme for building a military road on an air line from Washington to New-York; the road to be completed in eighteen months. By that time, we fancy, they will have small use for any such road.

At Christiansburgh, Va., on Saturday last, the 17th inst., two negroes, a man and girl, were sold for the round sum of $5,500. The man brought $3,100, the girl $2,400. These are the highest prices ever obtained in this or any other country.

THE CHARLESTON BLOCKADE.

What the Government Says About It.

No Assumption of an Interruption of the Blockade to be Admitted.

An Attack on Charleston Momentarily Expected.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 5.

The reports in regard to the encounter off Charleston Harbor, being from rebel sources, are, doubtless, greatly exaggerated. *There has been no interruption of the blockade, and no such assumption will be admitted by the Government.*

A telegram was received to-day from FORTRESS MONROE, saying:

"Gen. DIX is in receipt of rebel news from Charleston to the 3d inst., at which time that port was thoroughly blockaded, the Federal iron-clads lying inside of the wooden vessels.

The former were not with the fleet at the time of the attack on the 1st inst.

An attack on the city was momentarily expected.

A dispatch-boat, with an official account from Admiral DUPONT, is hourly expected."

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 5.

There is reason to believe that the plans of the Navy Department did not contemplate the beginning of the attack by our iron-clads on Charleston or Savannah for nearly a fortnight yet; but it is surmised, in more than one well-informed quarter, that the recent daring operations of the rebels at Charleston will be followed by a swifter retribution than they expected, and the proclamation that the blockade of Charleston was raised proved truer than they thought.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

A Large Amount of Gold in the Hands of the Government.

Consideration of Senator Wilson's National Guard Bill.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD BILL.

Formation of a New Military Department for Gen. Reinstatement.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 5.

THE SPECULATION IN GOLD.

As the speculation in gold is largely based on the idea that the Government will have to make large purchases of gold to pay its current interest, it may not be improper to state that the Government has bought no gold for the past six months, and has a sufficient supply now on hand for all its necessities for the next payments.

SENATOR WILSON'S NATIONAL GUARD BILL.

In the Senate to-day, most of the time was spent in discussing Senator WILSON's bill authorizing the establishment of a National Guard. GARRETT DAVIS, of Kentucky, made one of his characteristic speeches against the bill, and was sustained by Senator CARLILE, of Virginia. Messrs. DOOLITTLE, SUMNER and HOWARD replied. After a lengthy debate, the bill was finally recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, for revision. The friends of the bill think some of its provisions are too strong, and should be so modified as to render it less distasteful to the masses.

RAILROADS AND TELEGRAPHS IN KANSAS.

An important bill was introduced into the Senate to-day by Senator POMEROY, giving the State of Kansas aid in lands to build railroads and telegraphs. The provisions of the bill are complete and judicious.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The Special Pacific Railroad Committee have had under consideration for some days the Pacific Railroad bill, and authorized Senator McDOUGAL to report it back with several amendments. They modify the former bill so that the amount retained by Government shall not interfere practically with the construction of the road; also make provision for a right of way through the Territories of the United States, omitted in the old bill, and confirming the adjustment made between the California interests.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs are holding daily meetings for the purpose of disposing of the vast amount of business which has accumulated in that Committee, including the naval nominations recently sent to the Senate. The objections made to the confirmation of Commodore PARRAGUT as Rear-Admiral, upon which he was rejected, having been satisfactorily explained, it is expected that he will, at the next Executive Session, be confirmed.

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS.

The President, to-day, sent to the Senate the following additional appointments:

Capt. J. C. Morton to be Brigadier-General, Commissaries of Subsistence, with rank of Captain—E. Murtheil and George P. Jacobs, of Illinois.

To be Assistant Quartermasters, with rank of Captain—Capt. Charles Worms, of New-York, and A. W. Semple, of Ohio.

To be Assistant Adjutant-Generals, with rank of Captains—Lieut. R. P. Wilson and Adam E. King, of New-York; Lieut. C. A. Patridge, of Ohio; Lieut. James D. Wood, of Wisconsin; Capt. R. H. Rathbone, of Illinois.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MIDSHIPMEN.

The House had quite an animated debate to-day on Secretary WELLES' course in appointing midshipmen to fill vacancies from the seceded States, without consultation with the representatives. All parties complained of it as an infringement on their prerogatives.

THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

The bill for reorganizing the Medical Department, now before the House Military Committee, will probably provide for giving Medical Directors of army corps, the rank of Lieutenant-Colonels, and of armies, Colonels of Cavalry; also for increasing the present commutation price of hospital rations 50 p cent.

PEACE PETITIONS.

Petitions from citizens of Illinois for peace have been presented in the House, and are now in the hands of the Military Committee.

MILITARY GOVERNOR OF NORFOLK.

The friends of D. E. CLEMM, late Minister to Bolivia, state that he has been offered the Military Governorship of Norfolk.

RENEWAL OF COMMISSIONER DOLE.

Commissioner DOLE, for some days past, has been suffering from a severe attack of congestion of the lungs. His condition, however, is improving.

A NEW MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.

GENERAL ORDER No. 20.—The district of country north of the Potomac River, from Piscataway Creek to Annapolis Junction and the mouth of the Monocacy, and south by Goose Creek and Bull Run Mountains to the mouth of the Occoquan, will constitute the Department of Washington, and the troops in that Department will constitute the Twenty-Second Army Corps, to be commanded by Major-Gen. HALLECK.

By order of the Secretary of War,

L. THOMAS, Adjutant-General.

AN AMBULANCE CORPS.

Mr. McPHERSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs in the House, has reported a bill, which was passed, providing for the organization of an ambulance and hospital corps, and for other purposes. The main features of the bill are, that it provides that the Quartermaster's Department is required to furnish, on the requisition of the Surgeon-General, all ambulances, medical supply wagons, and to erect hospitals on plans and specifications adopted by the Medical Department. To enlist a hospital and ambulance corps, to number not more than two men to each company, to be employed as nurses, ambulance drivers, litter bearers, &c., and to be commanded, each 100 of them, by a First Lieutenant, a Sergeant to command 50, and a Corporal to command 10 men; the whole to be commanded by a Colonel. The men to receive pay as infantry.

THE FORTER COURT-MARTIAL.

The charges, specifications and sentence in the Porter Court-martial have just been issued in the shape of a General Order. The following is the language of the President, confirming the sentence of the Court:

The foregoing proceedings, findings and sentence in the foregoing case of Maj.-Gen. Fitz John Porter are approved and confirmed, and it is ordered that the said Fitz John Porter be and he hereby is cashiered and dismissed from the service of the United States as a Major-General of Volunteers and as Colonel and Brevet Brigadier-General in the regular service of the United States, and forever disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit under the Government of the United States.

JAN. 21, 1863. ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

MILITARY ORDERS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, Jan. 29, 1863.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 23.—1. By direction of the President, so much of "General Orders," No. 326, of 1862, as musters out of service additional paymaster Jesse A. Lovell is hereby revoked.

2. "General Orders" No. 6, of Jan. 20, 1863, from the headquarters Army of the Potomac, dismissing First Lieut. HENRY P. KIDDY, Twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteers, for tendering his resignation while under orders to meet the enemy, and suspending his resignation, meanwhile, and honorable reinstatement, is, by direction of the President, hereby confirmed. By order of the Secretary of War,

L. THOMAS, Adjutant-General.

GEN. NYE.

Gen. NYE, Governor of *Nevada*, will leave for New-York City on Friday, where he has been invited to address the people on the exigencies of the times, and will do so at an early day. The General takes the strongest ground in favor of a war of subjugation, and, unless they submit at once, of extermination.

DEATH OF SOLDIERS.

Fred. Felilli, Tenth New-York Artillery; Charles Rogers, Co. E, Seventh Rhode Island; Chas. F. Bray, Co. F, First Maine Cavalry; Rufus Chandler, Co. E, Fourth New-York Artillery; Geo. Robins, Tenth New-York Artillery.

TOBACCO AS AN ARMY RATION.

The War Department has decided to add tobacco to the army ration, and a resolution to that effect will soon be introduced into the House.

MEDICAL ORDERS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, Jan. 12, 1863.

SPECIAL ORDER, No. 10—Extract.—10. The following assignment is made of Medical officers:

Surgeon Ezra Ewer, United States Army, now Medical Director Department of the Cumberland, to report to the Medical Director at Baltimore for duty in the General Hospital at Chester, Penn.

Surgeon J. L. LeCorn, United States Volunteers, now in charge of the General Hospital at Chester, Penn., to report to the Assistant Surgeon-General at St. Louis, Mo., for duty as Acting Medical Director.

Surgeon E. J. D. Irwin, United States Army, Medical Director at the Army of the Southwest to relieve Surgeon H. R. Wirgs, United States Army, as Superintendent of hospitals at Memphis, Tenn., the latter on being relieved, to proceed to Madison, Wis., and relieve Surgeon W. J. SLOAN, United States Army, in the duties as Medical Director Department Northwest.

Assistant Surgeon Wm. T. OTZ, United States Army, now on duty in the General Hospital, Chester, Penn., to report to the Assistant Surgeon-General at St. Louis, Mo.

By order of the Secretary of War,

L. THOMAS, Adjutant-General.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 5.

THE PROPOSED NEW RAILROAD.

The bill preferred by the Air Line Railroad Committee proposes to charter the Washington and New-York Railway Company, authorizing it to locate a road upon the most practicable and direct route through one or more of the States of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, to the west shore of the Hudson River, at Haverstraw Bay, opposite the City of New-York, with a capital stock of $10,000,000 and thirteen directors, all of whom shall be stockholders, chosen by the stockholders, and two additional ones to be appointed by the President of the United States. First-class passenger trains are to run from Washington to New-York in eight hours and the tariff of prices not to exceed two and one-half cents per mile for first-class passenger cars, not five cents per ton per mile for first-class freight. The Government is to have the perpetual right of priority of business, and is not to be charged a price exceeding two cents per mile for the transportation of troops and seamen, nor more than three cents per ton per mile for transportation of munitions of war, arms, and army supplies and other Government freights, subject, however, to the control of Congress, so far as Government transportation is concerned. The charter further provides that the company shall have power to connect with any railway now constructed or being constructed, leading in the general direction the line specified, provided, that when the railway is completed, it shall be of the kind and character specified in the charter; and, further, that no arrangement shall be entered into with any existing company which shall lead to defeat the object of this act, viz: "an additional through line of railway from Washington to New-York." No aid is asked of the Government, except the implied faith that the Government passengers and freight shall be transported over it in preference to any other line, at the same rates. The location of the road is subject to the approval of the President of the United States, and is to be completed within two years of the passage of the act.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Patents shows that 5,020 applications for patents were made during the year 1862, and that 3,621 were granted; caveats filed, 228; applications for extension, 41; patents extended, 22; patents expired, 646. All excepting 30 of the patents were issued to citizens of the United States. One hundred and fifty-three thousand eight hundred and eighteen dollars were received for patents, reissues, etc., and $11,021 for copies and recording. The expenses were $105,000. The receipts were swelled by an appropriation for refunding moneys expended of nearly $41,000. The cost for clerk hire was upwards of $138,000, of which $44,000 were for temporary clerks.

THE GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

The fall in gold, as compared with last week's prices, and the recent approaches of public creditors, are hailed here as evidencing the confident anticipation of monied men that the National Free-Banking bill and general financial measures of Secretary CHASE will become laws, shield the currency institutions, and improve the public credit. The currency panic is regarded here as likely to be succeeded by a panic against the gold speculators.

THE M'DOWELL COURT OF INQUIRY.

The evidence in the McDowell Court of Inquiry case is closed. Gen. McDOWELL will on Monday put in a statement, reviewing the testimony.

For Congressional Proceedings, see Eighth Page.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

A Flag of Truce—The Steam Vessels Ashore.

FORTRESS MONROE, Wednesday, Feb. 4, } Old Baltimore, Thursday, Feb. 5. }

The flag-of-truce steamboat *New-York* arrived to-day at noon from City Point, bringing down 120 Union prisoners from Richmond, in charge of Capt. JOHN E. MEADOWS, of the Third New-York Infantry, who reports that more prisoners are here, ready to be exchanged.

News has reached here that an unknown schooner had sunk on Middle Ground, between Old Point and Cape Charles, and that the crew were clinging to the rigging. Capt. J. M. HUNT immediately dispatched a steamer to their relief.

One other schooner is aground near Old Point, and four are aground on the bar between Sewell's Point and Rip Raps.

The storm was very severe, but has abated.

The steamer *Monitor*, which was aground night before last, has come off. She is loaded with baloes. As soon as she takes in her coal she will leave for North Carolina.

We hear of two more schooners ashore between here and Cape Henry. It is expected that all these schooners will be got off by the steam-tugs sent to their relief.

—*Five o'clock P. M.*—The steamer sent to save the crew of the schooner sunk on the Middle Ground has not yet returned.

The Southern papers all claim a rebel victory at Nansemond, near Suffolk, on Saturday last.

IMPORTANT FROM THE WEST

THE FIGHT AT FORT DONELSON.

The Rebels Totally Routed with Heavy Loss.

CAIRO, Ill., Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Gen. TUTTLE received a dispatch this afternoon stating that the rebels at Fort Donelson had been repulsed with considerable loss, and that the National loss was from forty to fifty. The dispatch gives no further particulars.

There is no further news from Island No. 10, but it is supposed that the rebels have been completely driven off.

CAIRO, Thursday, Feb. 5.

A dispatch from Fort Donelson to-night says that the fight lasted from 1 to 6 o'clock in the evening, when the rebels retired southward in great disorder. Their killed is estimated at 200, and wounded at 500. Our loss was two killed, and 43 wounded and missing.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Wednesday, Feb. 4.

About five thousand cavalry, under WHEELER, BRANNER and WILSON, attacked our force at Fort Donelson yesterday, and were repulsed, and utterly routed.

Gen. MINCHER selects the quarters of prominent Secessionists for wounded rebels. Forty-five are this quarter.

Gen. JAS. C. DAVIS' division, with a cavalry brigade, occupy Franklin.

LATEST FROM VICKSBURGH.

Repairing the Old Crevasses—The Waters in the Canal Six Feet Deep—The Rebel Force 60,000 Strong.

CAIRO, Thursday, Feb. 5—12 P. M.

Our forces at Vicksburgh are now engaged repairing the crevasses of last fall to keep the water out of camp.

The water in the old canal is six feet deep, but doing little execution.

The rebel force at Vicksburgh is estimated at 60,000. It is believed that this is the largest number that can be brought to its defense.

A thousand negroes will be sent from Memphis to work on the canal.

OUR CAIRO CORRESPONDENCE.

Important News From Below—McClernand's Forces Within Three Miles of Vicksburgh—Rebel Batteries Below the Town—The Canal, &c.

CAIRO, Ill., Saturday, Jan. 31, 1863.

The ram *T. D. Horner*, Capt. HAMILTON BURGE, with Capt. G. C. WARM, A. Q. M., in command of ram fleet, has just arrived here from near Vicksburgh, bringing important dispatches to the War and Navy Departments. She left the fleet on Sunday last.

The forces of Gen. McCLERNAND have landed on the Louisiana side, about three miles from Vicksburgh, where they are encamped out of range of the rebel batteries from the opposite shore. Thursday, during the absence of our fleets since the late fight, availed themselves of the opportunity to send over a strong working party and cleared off all the timber from the point of the opposite peninsula, under which our gunboats and transports have heretofore concealed themselves from observation. The rebels have now an unobstructed view of the river on the opposite side of the peninsula. Our transports landed on or near the mouth of the artificial canal, and then retired up the river opposite the Yazoo, where they now lie.

The gunboats sails the mouth of the Yazoo. The water is beginning to run through the canal, but not sufficiently to cut through in two months. The opening was made in the bank of the river, not where the flow from above strikes the peninsula in a direct line, but below where an eddy forms, and the force of the stream does not have sufficient power to force a passage. If that method succeeds, it will deposit upon two things—the river will have to rise to overwhelming force and height, or another opening will have to be made higher up, or lower down, which would be the same thing. On Saturday, the 24th, a large cavalry force, which had been sent to reconnoitre the enemy's position, drove the rebel line, these distinct batteries opening below the town about 5 o'clock P. M., continuing fire for the space hour. Col. SPEWER, Chief of Cavalry, on this occasion, was killed at a point about three miles below Vicksburgh, the same day. The fire of the batteries was directed at the woods on the peninsula, under cover of which our troops were supposed to be encamped.

On Saturday, a rebel transport from Yazoo River, laden with cotton, was seen passing down the river, under cover of the batteries below the town. Our batteries from the Louisiana side opened upon her, and continued firing until she reached the town, the rebel batteries keeping up a heavy fire from their side of the river. No troops were observed on board.

There were numerous reports of rebel batteries on the river that were to blow the Yankees out of water, but they met no hostile demonstration during their passage up. Capt. WARM keeping a sharp lookout all the way, and having his guns always in readiness to reply to any attentions of the kind. At the head of Island No. 10 a bank shot was fired to attract their attention, while the *Horner* landed, and found one of the Mississippi fleet desirous to obtain a mail.

The *Horner* brings a few bales of cotton and some twenty contrabands, who solicited a passage out of Dixie. They look as if they could take care of themselves with the exception of one, who arrived in great. DE SOTO.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL LOYALTY.

A Sermon Preached in All Souls' Church, New-York, Sunday Evening, Feb. 1, 1863, by

REV. HENRY W. BELLOWS, D. D.

"And the Government shall be upon his shoulder."—Isaiah, ix. 6.

This is a part of the famous passage which sacred literature and the half-inspired music of HANDEL have rendered so familiar, in its application to the Messiah of the Millennium. Inseparable as it has now become from Christ's person its original reference, singular as the language may appear in such a connection, was to an earthly sovereign, whom you remember, was prophesied to be a king for Israel, who should be commissioned to free it from all its political and moral perplexities, and be deputed him in words not then esteemed extravagant or sacrilegious, whatever might be thought of them now. "For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end: upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, *to order it*, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever." (Isaiah ix. 6, 7.)

It is instructive to bear in mind that this passage is, on Scriptural authority, applicable to human governors and to our Divine Master; that the head of the Church and the head of the State, if not united in the same person, are spoken of in these solemn terms of dignity and responsibleness, as if their duties had a similar significance, and their claims a similar, though not equal, importance. It is not, therefore, without reason that nations have used the most hallowed religious sanctions and symbols in consecrating rulers; that they have ascribed a religious sanctity to a King's office, and employed phrases which, if literally untrue, were yet profoundly suggestive in describing the King as "reigning by divine right," and incapable of doing wrong. We boast ourselves of having got beyond these political superstitions; but if we have got beyond the profound truths they rudely covered, we have passed out of the sphere of safety and lost the anchorage of all civil security. The head of a nation is a sacred person, representing, for the time he holds his office, the most valuable and solemn rights and duties of a people. "The Government" is "upon his shoulder,"—and the Government is the mighty pillar that fastens in order and holds to safety the ten thousand varying interests, rights and obligations of a nation. Pile at the staple which God fastens to his own throne, in the paths of office which make a man chief ruler of a people, and you loosen thoughtlessly every link in that chain of law and order, which binds society together. There is something in the Chief Magistrate of a people, infinitely more important that his personal qualities, his judgment, his intelligence, his rectitude. It is *his office*, his representative character, as the National Head. He can truly say with Louis XIV., "The State—it is I. Dishonor me, and you disgrace the nation! Weaken me, and you undermine the country! Speak or think lightly of my oath, my office, my place, and you cheapen yourselves, your institutions, your hopes and prospects." I know the attempted refinements with which a licentious Press, or a thoughtless public, attempt to evade their duty by distinguishing between the man and his office, despising and abusing the one while affecting to honor and respect the other. But practically—in times of revolution or war, especially—there can be no distinction. The office is so much larger than the man, that any abuse directed at him, hits it in spite of the marksman. You cannot rudely assail the personal character or judgment of a Chief Magistrate, without weakening public respect for the office he holds. This fact makes it of the utmost importance to select rulers whose characters and qualifications do not invite disrespect. But however carelessly nominated, once selected, they ought to be thenceforth free from the tongue of light criticism or coarse abuse, for their office-sake. I sincerely believe that the free-and-easy tongue of our people, in discussing the personal character and claims of our Chief Magistrates, while in office, during the last twenty years, has contributed *greatly to the demoralization of the nation*, has cheapened the standard of qualifications for the Presidency, has lowered and loosened the office itself, and is, at this time, perhaps, the chief danger in our public affairs. If, at this moment, we all felt as we ought to feel, that the authority of the President of the United States was a sufficient rallying cry; that he fully represented both the expressed or constitutional and the reserved rights of the people; that his oath of office was solemnly binding not only on him, but also on us for whom he took it; that his will, in a time of civil war and universal public danger, was a will having an official right to our reverence and obedience, we should escape that only utterly irremediable danger by which we are threatened. To rally round the President—without question or dispute—is the *first* and most sacred duty of loyal citizens, when he announces not that the Constitution merely, but that the National life and existence are in peril. He is the official judge of this—and if we do not accept his testimony, we have nothing to trust to. Remember that his opinions are not personal, but official; not matters of individual judgment, or taste, or party; but resultants of the knowledge and counsel and wisdom of his constitutional advisers. Just he speaks as the Government, and for the Government—with all the wisdom and capacity the Government has; that this Government is *the only Government we have, or can have, while the present tenure of office holds out*; and that, however much wiser its successor may be, that will not help us now. The ship of State is held for two years more solely by this anchor. *It may go to wreck and ruin* at that anchor parts, even though a better one be forging for the next term of office. To waste this sacred season, when the nation is in a struggle of life and death, and the Government is the physician alone responsible for applying the remedies for its recovery—*with no possibility of calling in any other until too late*—in abusing the competency, or weakening the authority and the means of restoration in the hands of the attending surgeon, is the height of thoughtless folly and the source of infinite danger.

Do not mistake me as undertaking the defence of our present Administration on any party or personal grounds. I am only pleading the sacred cause of Government itself. I regard all party gratulations and schemes, at a moment like this, with unutterable scorn and indignation. The country should have but one thought—the protection of the national life, and the upholding of the constituted authorities, who alone can legitimately wield the power and resources of the nation, to effect our salvation. It is not the policy, but the government of the Government that is to save us; nor is it now this General or that, this measure or that, this Cabinet officer or that—who either blocks our way, or has power to open it. Our great difficulty is the reluctance of the people to trust the Government with all the moral and political powers it requires, in order to wield the whole force of the nation in defence of its life. I do not wonder at this hesitation; but it is nearly fatal. The people have been so long accustomed to look after their private rights, their personal liberties, their local interests, and have acquainted themselves so little with the advantages derived from the National Government in a time of peace although it has unconsciously all the while been showering blessings on their regardless heads—that they continue, in a time of civil war—when a desperate enemy is stabbing at the heart of the nation, the capital, and chiseling at the nation's throat, the Mississippi River, and while all the great empires of the world are in ill-concealed sympathy with this domestic foe—discussing questions of sectional and local importance—watching tariffs and bank charters—looking over petty offices, scoffing at necessary measures for incarcerating and arresting traitors, denying a proper legality to the suspension of habeas corpus—and threatening to resist any law of conscription, necessary to secure the military force required to make good the place of our rebellious brethren. At this present hour the President of the United States could not leave the District of Columbia without being liable to arrest and imprisonment in a common jail, and for what? for shutting up in Lafayette, or Fort Henry, men who, before they went there, were spies of the enemy, and more dangerous each of them than a regiment in the field. Men who, under the security of liberty, visite their friends, their relatives and new acquaintances, repair home, or remain here and courageously Richmond. And yet this simply because the people of the United States do not yet feel that all the State Governments and all the city and town Governments owe whatever is protecting and beneficent in them, to the overshadowing power and greatness of the Federal or *National Governments*, that terror and suffering does not yet reach them, only because the Federal *Government stands bleeding*, but strong and resolute, between them and harm; that it is now fighting their battles, protecting their homes and property, values, institutions, and rights of all sorts, for their sake! The people seem to think the Government, as the Government, strength may be impaired and they continue strong; that their local, state, or sectional prosperity, and law and order, here and anywhere, have no vital and necessary connection with the vigor and honor and power of the Federal authority. Alas! what a terrible, and possibly what a fatal mistake! Do you suppose that any body disloyal to the General Government is a friend to his own State? Are you not seeing what that view of local rights, which makes the States jealous enemies of the National Government, has brought upon the Southern members of this Union? Have they not all, from being only angry watch-dogs and worrisers of the General Government, become open traitors to it? And how far from similar treason are those who stand now criticising, sneering at and resisting, as far as they dare, every act of the Federal authorities which looks to vigorous defence of National sovereignty—every measure that puts a thinly-disguised Secessionist or traitor under arrest, or seeks to disembarrass the hands of the Government, full of immense responsibilities and cares, from the carping interference of local authorities?

These—not the skill and prowess of the enemy, not foreign intervention, not the want of good Generals or good statesmen—are our real perils,—the divisions, the local interference, the partisan jealousies which prevent our whole people from uniting as one man in upholding the Government. The Government has men; has, or can have, money; has clear and recognized duties; has, I believe, confidence in its own policy, and power and ability to conquer the enemy; has none of the despondency and despair about military or naval proceedings—none of the internal strifes and divisions which afflict the people. What then does it want? Nothing but the full consent and approbation of the people—nothing but the united loyalty and confidence of the people, trusting it with all the necessary discretion to carry into execution what it judges to be essential to the very preservation of the National life. These discretionary powers Congress is slow to indorse, and not blameably, because Congress studies and must study the people, their moods, wishes and prejudices, and these moods I do not so much condemn as lament. Why, after twenty months, is no act legalizing the suspension of *habeas corpus* yet passed? I know it is not essential in a legal view, but how necessary for moral effect. Why have the elections everywhere indicated a desire to invigorate State Governments and private securities and personal rights at such an untimely hour? Why have thoughtless demagogues or selfish politicians seized this moment, when Federal and National interests should rule supreme, to play upon the people's honest prejudices, by alarming them at the alleged inroads on their local and personal liberties? As if the man that broke down his neighbor's fence to procure a rail to fling to his neighbor's own child struggling in the water, was to be called to account for trespass while the boy was drowning! Yet this is the precise spirit of local and sectional politicians, seeking to make their political fortunes out of the National distress, as many wretched traders are doing out of the National treasury. It is not one party, or another that is doing this, but many in all. Thousands who helped to put the President in office are among these local and un-national destroyers of the country's life—assailing the Government they made, because circumstances have not allowed it to carry out a programme made for peace, and not for civil war.

I repeat—for it is necessary—that I am very well aware of the specious grounds on which those who choose assail the Government, at a time like this, rest their disloyal behavior. They make the very plea the rebels made when they attempted to burn down the national temple—a violated Constitution! They are great sticklers for the letter of the Constitution. They remind one of the enemies of our Saviour, who were always *flinging* in his blessed face the authority of the Mosaic law. He could save no life on the Sabbath day, because the Mosaic Constitution forbade it! *He could pluck no corn for his starving disciples*, because the Mosaic Constitution made no provision for that! He could protect and shelter no penitent sinner, because the Mosaic Constitution condemned her to be stoned to death! He could break no yoke of moral and spiritual ignorance anywhere because the Mosaic Constitution was thus endangered! In short, the Pharisees and Scribes and learned and acute doctors of the law, blocked the just starting chariot wheels of the Gospel at every foot of its progress, with some quotation or warnings out of the Jewish Constitution! And what would the Savior of the world have been able to accomplish, if he had not firmly and boldly taken the ground, "The letter killeth, the spirit maketh alive!" If the Constitution of this country were what the enemies of the Government make it out—the rebels' best argument, the slave's worst enemy; the soldier's greatest hindrance, the citizen's darkest foe,—if semi-rebels at home could justly find those chief arguments and protection in it, the sooner it were abandoned, the better. But it is no such thing! The friends, the true friends of the Constitution, are those who love its spirit too well to allow a few specks in its body to become the ruin of its soul. They treat it as a parent treats his child, who, to save his life, suffers the surgeon to cut off a gangrenous finger or toe. If the Constitution of the United States were designed or fitted to obstruct the progress of public enlightenment, national ethics, and Christian civilization, it would become the curse of the nation. There is not a national charter in all history that has ever been permitted to do this. And is the Constitution of a free, democratic nation to be more wooden and incapable of enlightened, moral interpretation than the law of the British Crown, or the French or Prussian Empires? It is absurd on the face of it. Because some of our fathers believed in cruel punishments, in the selling of over white apprentices into Slavery, *in national lotteries*, and in other, now universally condemned immoralities, are we tied to their errors and blindness, by reverence for them? Is the letter of the law to override its spirit, and that, too, in dealing with rebels and traitors who are openly seeking to destroy our national existence? I yield to no man in reverence for law and order; nay, in respect even for the law's delays, and all the various checks and balances by which constitutional government is secured. I believe in the immense importance of the proper distribution and segregation of the legislative, judicial, administrative and executive functions of this Government. No man can tell me anything I do not now feel of the value of method, order, precedent, rule, in political life! But there are times when all these things must be subordinated to the primal question of self-preservation. Has a nation less than the rights of an individual? May it not, must it not defend its own existence at all hazards? Can any laws, or charter, or constitution mean to rob it of the rights of self-preservation? Is the Constitution really violated when, under such a necessity, the powers of the President are stretched beyond the ordinary reach of his office? I say the Constitution is preserved, as a life is saved, by despising ordinary precautions and rules. The Spanish law forbids a subject from laying hands, on any pretence, on an Infanta of Spain, under penalty of instant death. Did, then, the peasant who rushed into the palace and extinguished the flames that enveloped a royal princess, deserve to die? Did he break the law? Yes, in the letter. No, in the spirit. And would he not have deserved to die a thousand deaths if he had regarded the letter of the law, when his liege lady was in instant peril of her life? It is such factitious violations of the Constitution as this, that Northern sympathizers with the rebellion, are now seeking to make grounds of accusation against the true friends of the Nation, and the protection of its life—such violations as the incarceration of *spies, of correspondents with the rebel government*; inciters to revolt in border cities; editors of rebel newspapers under some thin disguise; insolent slave-drivers on the now free soil of the District of Columbia; of men seeking to sow divisions and disloyalty in the army itself; to prevent the raising of fresh levies; to weaken and bring into contempt the lawful power of the country. When it became necessary, during the Revolutionary war, for the military authorities to take up people who were plotting against the safety of the country, unless the act of habeas corpus was suspended, it was done in the section of the State where the act was law, every National soldier could be arrested by the rebels, under civil process, and the power of the National Government be paralyzed in absolute defiance. But it was *by some thought* unconstitutional to suspend this act. Then it must be unconstitutional to uphold the Constitution, to oppose a secession or to put down a rebellion. Let it be deemed unconstitutional, then, by those who hate Union and it [illegible] necessary—absolutely and unconditionally necessary—and the President, doubtless with some such wish, signed the order for it with a full sense of his constitutional responsibility. But he is not yet justified in that act, or in any similar acts, by the opposition. Would God, would America, would the Future, should we, sacrifice life in haggling on the point, he had sacrificed this national spirit, honor, life and honor in the weak and empty scruples of others about the letter of the law? He would indeed have been a coward and a traitor to his country, if he had shrunk from that holy duty, of setting the law of national self-preservation above every other consideration, at that critical moment. Remember that the value of a living ruler is that he is alive, and can accommodate action to circumstances. We might as well have presiding over this nation a Maelzel automaton, or Babbage's Calculator, wound up by the Constitution to strike certain foregone conclusions, as to have a living representative of the people—a man whose heart, conscience and will have their legitimate place in interpreting and applying the written law to the nation's exigencies. If these feeble notions of the absolute preeminence in a civil war of every doubtful silence or uncertainty in a Constitution made for peace, are to prevail over the necessities of immediate and decisive action.

But, after all, no plea is so specious and so dangerous among all those under which disloyalty seeks to conceal its fangs, as that which attempts to distinguish between the Administration and the Government. It is perfectly respectful to the Government, for which it is ready to give life and treasure; but the Administration is imbecile, is false, is destroying the liberties of the nation; is without wisdom, or honesty, or success! It is to be assailed, despised, resisted, and in every way obstructed, and this is all in the way of sound citizenship and in the exercise of inalienable rights—in the character of true and loyal Americans. It is very like the plea of men who respect the marital relation, but have no allegiance to the wife of their bosom; or of those who respect the home as a general principle, but make an exception in dealing with their own creditors! Practically, everybody knows that the President is, for two years or more to come, the sole lawful head of this Nation, and his Cabinet, men of his own choice, the arbiters of our national fate. Practically, what these men do or fail to do, through our furtherance or hindrance, settles the fate of this people for a generation, perhaps for ages to come. Practically, their support, encouragement and invigoration, is *the only possible method* of putting forth our National strength and ability. Practically, to bring them into suspicion, contempt and distrust, is the greatest injury and peril our cause can suffer? Practically, the rebel Congress can have no allies more worthy encouragement and pecuniary support, than the men here who attempt to weaken the confidence of the nation in their sole executive representatives; to bring the high officers of the Government into disrespect and contempt; to make foreign Powers think us led by pigmies, governed by imbeciles, counseled by knaves, divided among ourselves, and on the verge of despair; our successes cheap, our prospects cloudy, our resources belittled, our zeal and determination dimmed and dwindled, our national will broken; our Government despised, sneered at and distrusted by its own children. Nor, alas! is this wretched policy wholly confined to traitors. Loyal and honest men, in the pride of opinion, unwittingly perform the traitor's work. Faithless, impatient, superficial, mere partisans, or mere pettifoggers, or mere sectionalists, or mere mediocrities, they assail the Administration because the Administration does not take their advice, see things their way, jump to their conclusions, adopt their "ism," swallow their panacea, or force it down the throats of the country.

I was lately very much struck by the remark of an honest New-England radical Abolitionist, who stated to me with an evident expectation that I should receive it as a proof of the President's total lack of intelligence, that a Committee of the leading Representatives of his sect had just waited on the President, and had three hours of conversation with him; and that they had no evidence that they had produced the least effect on his mind! As they were all very excellent and *eloquent gentlemen, of their school*, I confess I felt a new increase of respect for the President's firmness and many-sided wisdom! I have too often had my own hasty views and wishes opposed and thwarted by the Administration and high officers, not to have learned that it does not prove them to be wrong that they do not uniformly agree with even those honest and earnest advisers! And, taking advantage of whatever name for frankness and simplicity, in speaking the unqualified convictions of my own mind, I may here enjoy, I solemnly declare in the interests of the nation and cause, that, with more than ordinary opportunities of seeing and practically co-working with the Government, every month of study of our Administration has given me a greater estimate of its integrity, ability and fitness to meet the crisis; a higher respect for the President; a deeper persuasion that faith and confidence in him would be repaid by full success in our cause. I believe that the very common opinion that intestine quarrels rend the Cabinet; that no harmony of views or purposes prevails; that the high officers distrust and are jealous of each other; that they are chiefly animated by political ambition or are sacrificing the country to their own self-seeking objects, is a most entire and a most pernicious mistake; that the differences among them are honest and healthy differences, not touching vital points, and that these perplexities spring not from their own divisions, but *from* ours; any lack of sharpness of policy to the blunted, because widely-extended, interests and wishes of a greatly scattered people. I believe no set of men ever lived, that were more idly, hastily and ignorantly judged and abused, than our existing Administration; that *they need only to be closely and personally known* to be wholly respected; and that any general disaffection or distrust is caused wholly by the poisonous malaria sent up from the marshes of partisan prejudice, from the foul-mouthed calumnies of a portion of the public Press, or the idle gossip of thoughtless story-tellers. When I think of the extent to which the falsest calumnies can go, without one particle of truth to travel on—things I personally know to be not only untrue, but the precise reverse of truth—I am in despair of arresting public prejudice. To take an illustration, below that of a Cabinet officer, whom I will not criticize—no man in the whole country, for instance, has suffered greater wrongs, from the causes alleged, than Gen. McDOWELL—a wise and good man, a patriot and brave soldier, simply unfortunate, but despised and hated as a traitor and a drunkard by millions, many of whom are not worthy to loose his shoe-latchet. This man, who has been styled a drunkard, on the most incontestible evidence, by men and women of the highest character, in my presence, I positively know never so much as touches a drop of intoxicating drink—is a total abstinent, and always has been so! And I believe there are Generals and Cabinet officers now under suspicion of drunkenness and opium-eating, and fraud and falsehood—on testimony that would hang a man in many Courts—who are as innocent of each and every one of these charges as the purest man in this assembly.

It is a reckless way of disarming the personal character of public men, in the Press and in popular assemblies, that has led to this atrocious depreciation of men, whose characters and reputation ought at this time to be under the shield of every patriotic citizen's allegiance and gratitude. I am persuaded that it is a sacred duty to urge this point everywhere; and I rejoice, that in the best faith in the world, I am able to begin a reform in this direction, at least in my own small sphere. I have from the beginning thought it my duty everywhere to support the Government and to support the Administration as the practical representatives of the Government. I think it your duty, your religious duty—the duty of every loyal citizen, and that no duty is so urgent and imperative at this moment, *as to restore a well-deserved confidence to our* President and his advisers. If they did not merit it in their personal character and talents, I should still claim that they deserved it in their official position! But I verily believe they merit it in their own persons, and only the more where they do not represent the partisan wishes of those who elected them. They come to a serious administration of public affairs. Gen. McClellan has resigned his command, and left them to bear the responsibility of all the results of his long delay. The Illustrious Dead has [illegible] and left them to bear the responsibility of all the results of their own acts. Yes! Gen. McClellan's monument is erected, and we mourn his departure. But the responsibilities—the accumulated burdens and cares of their new and complicated responsibility—and he will not add to their burdens the needless grief of misinterpretation, slander, gossiping criticism and personal abuse? A more ungrateful public was never known than that which could willingly assail the personal character of these slaves and conscripts of our public necessities—the present Government of the country! Let us reform our ways altogether; begin a new style of speech about our public men in office. Let us support, encourage, cheer and trust the Government. It is all they need to carry us triumphantly through.

Thus, brethren, do I commend to you the cause of unconditional loyalty. I have pleaded it as a son pleading for a parent's life! Would to God that none needed this earnest pleading more than you do. I know your hearts, and how warmly and cordially as a congregation you approve and practice upon these principles. I make you, then, the missionaries of them, wherever you go, and with whomsoever you are conversant. Let our women and children become the propagandists of unconditional loyalty. The country needs not only the fealty of her sons, but of her daughters who sing the songs of patriotic devotion at your hearth-stones. Let your country have your earliest and your latest prayers. Frown on every syllable of distrust, of wavering, of disrespect, that pollutes the air you breathe. Require of all your friends to be first the friends of the nation. Have nobody's love that does not love the country more! Make a religion of patriotism. Let not the devotion of rebel fathers and mothers, of rebel sons and daughters, shame your lukewarmness, your selfishness, your coward fears. If error and treason can find such willing, uncomplaining martyrs and propagandists, what ought liberty, union and lawful government to have? It is this holy spirit of devotion on the part of the whole people, this jealous patriotism, this unconditional loyalty that can alone save the land. Let it not be your fault if from this hour it does not prevail in every home, in every heart, in every place of business, in every church throughout this nation—struggling, as it is, for the most sacred and valuable rights of our common humanity, a lawful Government and the right of Christianity and civilization to triumph over barbarism and Slavery.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST.

Gen. Wool and Provost-Marshal-General Draper at Work.

Revelations by Major Conway's Special Provost Guard—The City Ransacked for Deserters.

Since Gen. Wool came to this Department there has been a great change in military matters. Previously the streets were crowded with soldiers and officers absent from their regiments with or without proper authority. The crowds of those dressed as soldiers and officers attracted attention on all sides. They were on the streets, in the dram-shops, and in the theatres and brothels throughout the City. There was a change needed, and fortunately enough the change has taken place under the supervision of the old hero of many battles, who now commands the Department of the East. Gen. Wool has instructed Major CONWAY to carry out implicitly the orders of Gen. DRAPER, Provost-Marshal-General, and in order to do this a sufficient guard is allowed, thoroughly armed and prepared for the work. With this guard the City is patroled every night. Major CONWAY finds some facts which the people will be curious to know, and we give room for some of them.

BRIGADIERS.

One of these was found one evening last week quietly seated in a dram-shop in company with some of New-York's most suspicious characters. On the approach of the Provost-Guard he turned about as if intending to conceal himself. Major CONWAY approached and inquired, "General, show me your pass, please." The General became indignant, and replied—"I am your superior officer, sir." "My orders are," said Major C., "*to see your papers, to inquire your business here in the City*, to order you to report to Gen. WOOL, or Gen. DRAPER, and if I am satisfied you are without proper authority, to arrest you as a deserter." This brought the General to terms, and he explained his position as being this: "He had a leave of absence, was a little over his time, promised to return to his command at once, and that he would report to Gen. WOOL first.

COLONELS.

These were more numerous. Four were discovered in one evening—one in company with two officers of his regiment in a miserable dram-shop in William-street. At the appearance of the Provost-Guard, he slipped out of sight and locked with a very contemptuous air. The Major approached, and inquired, as usual, for "Your pass, please." "I be G—d d—d if I'll show you any pass," was the reply. Here was evidently a case for the use of discretion, as the Colonel was considerably under the influence of liquor. The guard was called in and ordered to be ready for any emergency which might arise. The appearance of the guard had the effect of quieting the angry passion of the Colonel, and it was then only that he came to terms. Another was found in a public house in Broadway, who, on being asked for his pass, inquired "By what authority?" "By authority of Gen. WOOL, and the Provost-Marshal-General, Sir," replied the Major. The Colonel, who was enjoying game of dominoes, took out his papers and showed them.

MAJORS AND CAPTAINS.

At LUNDENMULLER'S, in the Bowery, a man was seen dressed in Captain's uniform. He was enjoying a dance inside the railing. The Major waited till he was through, then approached him just as he was drinking his beer. When asked for his pass, he showed his commission. This was of no account further than to show that he ought to be arrested if he had no other papers. He then showed his discharge, which was nearly two months old, and he still wearing his Captain's uniform. *He evidently disliked showing* his discharge at first, so he showed his commission, for his discharge would shame him in the eyes of the crowd, by the fact that he still flourished a Captain's uniform.

A Major was found twenty days over the time stated on his leave of absence. He explained that he was detained by a civil process, and was on his way back to his regiment.

"BOUNTY DESERTERS."

These are men who deserted as soon as they received their bounties, and the City is full of them. Of the crowds who have no employment except gambling and cheating, there is good evidence that most *twelfths are deserters*. One of this class, the son of one of our leading 6th Ward politicians, was arrested by Major CONWAY last evening. He received the bounty paid by the Sixty-ninth Regiment, "CORCORAN'S Irish Legion," just before it went away, and with this he got $75" Navy-yard bounty." It is a fact that if the citizens were as loyal to the country as they ought, and would assist in the arrest of these deserters, that in one month there would hardly be a "loafer" on the streets of our friend, or a skedaddler anywhere in the City. This class are being arrested by Gen. DRAPER as the average rate of twelve a day. They are found in brothels in Centre, Howard, Mercer, Water, Greene, Wooster and other streets, as well as in fashionable gambling dens. Col. LOGAN, commanding at Governor's Island, has already complained that his quarters there are insufficient to hold the crowds of deserters constantly arriving from this City. Thus we see that measures are being taken to rid the community of a crowd guilty of the meanest of crimes, namely, that of desertion.

THE BALL UP.

Skating at Central Park, the Fifth-avenue Pond, and Everywhere.

FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE ON RUNNERS.

The skating carnival, which has been so long postponed on account of the weather, fairly commenced yesterday, and all New-York rejoiced, for all New-York is interested, either by actual participation in the ice sports, or in the ruddy cheeks and joyful *hearts of friends who do participate, and bring home* the glad tidings of the day's sport. It needed not the multiplied flags and manifold bells to tell the people that the ice was in good order, for everybody expected it would be—and what everybody expects very often happens. In cars, in carriages and on foot then, the devotees of the gyrating art effected their begins to the appearance of the ice, where broad expanses of water had been the day before, all and left room for skaters to the right and left, and who went.

THE CENTRAL PARK ICE FIELDS.

The largest and oldest of the city ponds was, of course, the main lake of the Central Park. The ball was up with the sun, and much more visible, and much more truthful than the balls put up on the City park sometimes, to induce unsuspecting suckers into paying five cents for nothing but a cold ride. The ball was up, and likewise the national flag—the necessary emblem of good skating. The ice was never in better condition—smooth, strong, and unmarred by the signs of "danger," which so often stare the sportsmen and sportswomen at the Park out of countenance. True, the wind blew stiff as a hurricane in the early morning, but that made no difference. True, the snow fell rapidly, but that was out of much account. What do skaters care for wind and snow? Nothing!—only that the snow covered the ice for a time; but even that objection, together with the snow itself, is soon removed by gangs of sturdy laborers with shovels and brooms.

Early in the morning the crowd begin to collect. Members of the New-York Club, with their trim dress, their agile movements, their genuflections and swift perambulations—their rapid turning and whirlwind twisting—their jumping, somersetting, and general jollity. Next came the citizens generally, as they day will follow after the processions, with here and there a lady sandwiched between two gentlemen suitors. Soon more ladies, more suitors, and some boys, appear, until about noon the crowd quite fills the pond, and the cry is still they come. New-York likes a jam. We have a vision at the opera, a full house at the theatre, people standing up during the sermon, why not a crowd on the skating pond? New-York needs to provide—the more the merrier—until there gets to be so many that even the wind finds difficulty in penetrating the mass. Speaking of wind, calls to mind the fact that while it is easy to skate with the wind, it is not so easy to skate against it. Can you not, Oh Messieurs Commissioners, order make the wind blow both ways, or not at all. The ladies carry quite too much sail to brave the breeze with impunity.

But, about the time the snow was well cleared off the wind died away considerably, and then the pond was in its prime. The ice and the attendance were alike excellent, and, barring rain or a thaw, there is a prospect of at least a week's good skating on the big pond.

THE FIFTH-AVENUE SKATING POND.

Smooth as a billiard ball, hard as a flint, and clean as a parlor, the Fifth-avenue Skating Pond was in the best order yesterday. The ice was at least six inches thick, and cleaned with promptness and celerity by a gang of laborers kept quite smartly at work—indeed, so smartly, that it was evident they were working for individuals and not for the Corporation. Mr. GARNER, the omnipresent and indefatigable Superintendent, was on hand, and saw that everything was in tip-top order. Not a shovefull of snow, a stump or a clump, or a whisper a frown, was permitted to disfigure the smooth surface of the pond. But, it is in the concomitants that the Fifth-avenue Pond excels. The delightful music of the afternoon and evening, the spacious refreshment saloons, with their huge stoves and convenient windows, where the spectators may toast themselves and view the active sportsmen on the pond, are unsurpassed. The attendance was many ladies present, graceful skaters and attractive in costume and in personnel, and during the afternoon, when the order was most numerous, the scene was of unusual attractiveness, for hundreds were willing to pay for these extra comforts which this pond affords, as well they may. There were many excellent skaters present, whose performances attracted admiring crowds. The pond will be in quite as good condition, and order, to-day, so that after all the disappointments and heart-burnings which the mild Winter has occasioned the ticket holders, the Fifth-avenue Pond may be considered a great success.

OTHER CITY PONDS.

The small pond of the Central Park, Beekman's Pond, the Harlem Flats, and other favorite skating localities of the upper island, were likewise visited yesterday, and, in spite of the wind and snow, and the icicles pendant from beards and noses, the skating public enjoyed a day of rare sport—sport which was cheap, healthy and innocent, as well as delightful.

The old fogy who described sleigh-riding as standing in a tub of cold water and jingling bells, might have described skating by freezing the water and throwing away the bells. But, for all that, the skaters will skate, and will flock to the ponds when the ball is up. Echo answers, "The Ball is Up."

Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

THE CHAMBER NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER THAN THE LEGITIMATE PURPOSES OF THE BOARD—ATTEMPTS TO INSURE THE UNITED STATES CURRENCY—EMIGRATION OF COTTON SPINNERS TO THIS COUNTRY.

A regular Monthly Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at 1 P. M. yesterday, Mr. A. A. Low, in the absence of the President, in the Chair. Messrs. OLIVER HAZZARD, JOHN E. GAYNE and WILLIAM F. BUTLER, were elected members by ballot. The Chairman having announced that two vacancies had occurred in the Committee of Arbitration, Messrs. CUTTENNIUS and JOSEPH GILLIATT were elected to act on that Committee.

An unfavorable report having been circulated to the effect that party consideration had induced several of the members to object to the using of the chamber for any other than the legitimate purposes for which it was intended, Mr. BIDDLE took occasion to remark that the views of the Chamber had been misrepresented; it being the original intention of the members that under no pretext should the chamber be used for meetings not appertaining to the business of the board. This view of the matter entirely excluded the impression that party motives had influenced members to object to the course which had been taken in using the rooms on the occasion of the reception of a distinguished General.

A resolution offered by Mr. TOWNE, that the Chamber most heartily deprecate the attempt of Secretary CHASE, by giving power to injure the credit of the United States by depreciating its notes below those of non-specie paying banks, was adopted.

The following communication was read and ordered on file:

To the President of the New-York Chamber of Commerce:

GENTLEMEN: We have seen an extract from the New-York *Journal of Commerce* setting forth what are likely to be the results of the present war in the loyal States of North America, already $30,000,000 have been withdrawn from these States, principally from the operative class on various branches of industry, and many important works are suspended, or only partially in operation, in consequence of the recent drafts and enlistments from many branches not affected by the cotton crisis. In many instances laborers cannot be obtained, even where a very high rate of wages is offered. The sentiments expressed and the scheme proposed in the article, have caused a great sensation among the spinners and winders of this town, and MANY HUNDREDS OF THEM HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO EMIGRATE TO AMERICA, if a free passage and support could be offered to them until employment could be procured. In this town, (Preston, Lancashire,) there are 1,207 spinners and winders, and of that number nearly 600 are totally without employment, in consequence of a great many mills being closed. Many of them have been closed only twelve months, and those that are working, on account of a very inferior quality of cotton (chiefly Surat) being used, the operatives scarcely earn sufficient to keep body and soul together. Such being the state of affairs in Lancashire, the operative cotton spinners of Preston deem it their duty to offer you their humble and sincere expressions of gratitude for the noble and philanthropic scheme proposed, and relieve, by from one pressed impoverished condition, and are earnestly hope that the chiefs and cotton manufacturers of the Northern States will lend their powerful aid and support to carry out a wise and practical scheme of emigration, which we are sure will be beneficial to them, and advantageous to the distressed operatives of Lancashire. If such a scheme of emigration should be carried out, it would induce the emigration to America of the flower of the Lancashire operatives. And with the prayer that peace, and prosperity may be restored to the United States, the great Republic of the World, is the most sincere prayer and earnest wish of yours truly.

The Cotton Spinners of Preston, in general meeting, held in the Spinners' and Minders' Institute, Chaucer-street, Preston, Jan. 7, 1863.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

WILLIAM CALDERBROOK, Chairman.

THOS. BAINES, Secretary.

Mr. BIDDLE stated that as Gen. WOOL had made his first inspection of the defences of the harbor unattended by any member of the Chamber, he deemed it the duty of the Board to request the Committee on Harbor Defences to visit Gen. WOOL and make known their willingness to cooperate with him in the matter of making the harbor impregnable.

Naval Affairs.

FOUR VESSELS TO REINFORCE THE SOUTH ATLANTIC BLOCKADE.

The United States steam gunboat *Wamsutta* is under orders to leave this port to-day or to-morrow, to reinforce the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron. She is to touch at Fort Royal, and receive there such orders relative to her future movements as the Commander-in-Chief may see fit to issue. Capt. KEENEDY, who distinguished himself so conspicuously while on blockading service, has been given the command of the vessel. The *Wamsutta* is one of the 27 gunboats built by contract for the regular navy in 1861. She has recently undergone a thorough overhauling here, and is now in excellent condition. Her officers are: Commander, J. W. KITTREDGE; Acting Ensign, Charles R. Bryant; Acting Assistant Paymaster, Wm. R. Winslow; Acting Master, Geo. R. Goodrich, Charles Crossman, Thomas Kennedy; Acting Engineers, Wm. A. Aldrich, Wm. H. Brown, L. W. Medlam, Wm. F. Carman.

The new screw steam sloop-of-war is ordered to leave Philadelphia on the same mission as the *Wamsutta*. She recently failed in two attempts to get to sea, but is now believed to be all right. She is a perfectly new ship, has on board nearly 300 officers and men, among whom is a full guard of marines. Her hull will compare favorably with that of any other vessel in the service, having been built by a regular naval constructor.

Probably on to-morrow the *Juniata* will leave port for the rendezvous at Port Royal, where she will be assigned to a post on the Charleston blockade.

Steaming *Wallace* also leaves here to-day or to-morrow for the South Atlantic fleet, most important duty having been laid out for her there. The failure of it cannot be published.

New Steaming *Vixen*, recently the *Martha*, has sailed from this port for the South Atlantic fleet. She is a very pretty little vessel, and is needed in the neighborhood of Charleston or Key West for important service. She was recently purchased in this City, and was built in Williamsburgh. Her officers are: Commander, Acting Ensign J. W. Bassett; Acting Master's Mates, Wm. L. Ludsley, Geo. H. Marks and John Bishop; Acting Assistant Engineers, John Leaman, John J. Earl, Edwin P. Richardson and Edwin Towler.

County Appropriation Bill for 1863.

The County Appropriation bill for 1863, (exclusive of the portion relating to the pay for the police within this County, which had been previously passed,) was passed by the Board of Supervisors yesterday. The items appropriated are as follows:

Advertising	$39,000 00
Armories and drill rooms (a new item, created for under the provisions of the new Militia law)	30,000 00
Asylum for Idiots	250 00
Care and repairs of the Harlem River Bridge	[illegible]
Common Schools for State	412,319 52
Contingencies, Comptroller's office	3,000 00
Coroners' fees	21,000 00
County contingencies	41,033 74
Deaf and Dumb Asylum	1,200 00
Election expenses	72,000 00
Construction of new Harlem River Bridge	200,000 00
Removal of incumbrances in harbor	4,000 00
Institution for the Blind	2,000 00
Lighting, cleaning and supplies	26,000 00
Care of McComb's Dam Bridge	1,250 00
Military fines (a new item) for any deficiency arising from non-collection of fines and expenses imposed by the new militia law	30,000 00
New-York Juvenile Asylum	50,000 00
New-York State Lunatic Asylum	1,500 00
Rent for rooms for New-York Law Institute (vacated)	2,750 00
Officers and attendants, Court-houses	50,000 00
Printing, stationery and blank books	30,000 00
Redemption of McComb's Dam Bridge bonds	20,000 00
Repairs to County buildings and offices	12,000 00
Rents	11,000 00

[illegible] of the Seventh Precinct, both of whom were arrested and committed for the murder.

[illegible] Inquest of a Woman of Colored Nativity held an inquest, yesterday, upon the body of Emma Knapp, a white woman, aged 45 years, who died of a fever on Wednesday night, at No. 16 Cornelia-street. The jury found that her death was produced by the use of ardent spirits and low fever. It appears that the deceased has been addicted to the habit of intoxicating drinking by her husband, which has much injured her health, reduced her finances, and estranged her friends. She was formerly a member of position in society. She was born in New-Jersey, and has two sons living in the Ninth Ward.

[illegible] Conversation.—On Sunday evening next the United States Christian Commission will hold a meeting at the Academy of Music. Gen. Scott has promised to preside. Addresses will be made by Rev. Dr. Tyng, Gen. A. E. Burnside, Rev. [illegible] Esq., Col. McKean and Rev. Mr. Duryea. The entertainment states where tickets of admission can be procured without charge. The Christian Commission is very worthy of the daily to perform, and has undertaken a great and good work in ministering to our army and navy with good reading. The meeting will, we think, be largely attended.

Court of Common Pleas.—In this Court yesterday, before Recorder Hoffman, Morgan Carman, aged 26, was tried and convicted of stealing a horse from Morris Daly, and sentenced to the State Prison for two years. Michael Ryan, who convicted of petit larceny, and sent to the City Prison for ten days. James O'Brien and Henry Matthews pleaded guilty to an attempt to commit grand larceny and were remanded for sentence on Saturday next.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

The Supposed Murder of a Woman in South Brooklyn.—Coroner's Investigation and Verdict of Insanity.—Coroner Noland yesterday held an inquest upon the body of an unknown woman, who was found murdered on the Flats, at the foot of William-street, on Tuesday morning last. She was last seen in company with a man by an employe in the oil factory of Richardson & Buncker, about 1 o'clock A. M. [illegible] where her body was found, but as it appears to be a common practice for loose characters to frequent that neighborhood at night, he paid no further attention to them. The evidence shows conclusively that the woman came to her death by violence. The following is the substance of the testimony:

Michael Sherry, sworn—Resides corner of Bond and Douglass streets; was employed by Messrs. Richardson & Buncker, in the oil factory at the foot of William-street; was at work on the night of the 3d of February; the factory is inclosed by a fence about seven feet in height; there are spaces between the boards. About 1 M. [illegible] I was passing along beside it, I heard a noise outside the fence; I heard a woman's voice, [illegible] "Stop, stop, stop," in a smothered tone; I went to the fence, looked through, and saw a man and woman; the man, I think, had on a fur hat or cap, and wore a short round about coat; it was moonlight at this time; they were about fifty yards off, going in the direction of the spot where the deceased was found; the man had his arm around her waist, and appeared to force her along; when they arrived at the place where she was discovered next morning they stopped; I saw no more of her, and turned to bundle; she broke loose and ran from him; he caught her; she screamed; he struck her; she returned to him, when he put his arms around her waist; at this time I began to feel very cold; was benumbed and, in my shirt-sleeves—besides it was necessary that I should return to my work; that was the last I saw of them; saw no body pass morning, but am unable to say whether it is the same I saw the night previous; took no more notice of them because [illegible] the woman was a prostitute, and so such things are frequent about the place. I paid no particular attention to the appearance of the parties. The deceased was dressed in the same clothes in which she was found. Just about the time I saw the woman, she was tying on her dress; and from blood stained the ground about her; the neighborhood is perfectly flat, covered with sand; it is a bleak, open spot; there are no houses or hills, or stones, for a long distance. I remarked to Mr. Lairc, who was with me at the time, "It is weather what the man is dragging that woman toward the water for." I remained looking at him standing at the edge of the creek only about two minutes.

William Laird, who is also employed in Richardson and Buncker's factory, testified to hearing the little noise by and heard the screams to-gether, but not in a angry tone; paid no particular attention to them, as he presumed them to be bad characters; could not describe the clothing of either.

Dr. Lewis Baxter testified to making a post mortem examination of the body; the face was very much bruised and covered with blood; there was a lacerated wound, about two inches in length, parallel with the eye-lids; also, another wound on the forehead, extending from the outer angle of the left eye to the forehead, about midway; the left eye was much bruised, but the lip; there was no injury to the brain; there was no fracture of the bones of the head; found no blood on the brain; the large venous vessels of the brain were distended; all the other organs of the body were perfectly sound, except the lungs, which were very much engorged; the deceased died from apoplexy, consequent upon the over-distention of the vessels of the brain; what this condition was caused by I am unable to say.

Thos. Sullivan swore that he saw the man and the woman that night we limit street, about ten and a half o'clock; the woman looked like a prostitute; wore a hood resembling the one exhibited; the man wore a Kossuth hat, dark coat and lightish pants; took no further notice of them.

Howard Callahan testified that her husband kept an oyster saloon corner of Van Brunt-street and Hamilton-avenue; Tuesday morning, a man wearing a Kossuth hat, rather broad in the brim, with a dark blue pea jacket, close to a white shirt; noticed blood on the person; he was about 30 years old; appeared to be much agitated; he filled the latch two or three times before he could do it; he asked to be directed to Castle Garden, then asked if he could get a bed here; my husband told he could not; he then sat down; noticed a knife in his side-pocket; his cravat was loose, so was his vest; my husband asked him if he had been to see his wife; he said he had met bad men, who wanted his money; he appeared as if he had been drinking some; he got up and sat down several times, and seemed very uneasy; he finally got up, and I let him out; he said he was a Norwegian, but spoke very fair English; think he was about five feet nine or ten inches high, light complexion, and light brown hair, short.

Several other witnesses were examined, but nothing additional was elicited bearing on the case. Capt. Rosene, of the Third Police Precinct, testified that his district was so large, that there was eight miles of patrolling territory for each man.

The case being given to the jury, they brought in the following verdict:

That the said unknown woman came to her death by violence at the hands of some person or persons to the jury unknown, and the jury are of the opinion that the police force of this District is entirely inadequate, the distance patrolled by each man being about eight miles.

Rye Coffee.—The Effects of Deleterious Substances in our Cities.—A few days since a family residing in South Brooklyn, was poisoned, as alleged, by the use of rye coffee. An examination was made by Dr. Baxter, the Health Officer of Brooklyn, who discovered that the sickness was caused by the continued use of coffee made of rye, and he was confirmed in his opinion by making experiments upon a dog. He, therefore, ordered (by what authority is not made so clear) the police to seize the packages on sale in the store from which the family above attended to had procured the coffee. The following is the statement of the Health Officer in regard to the matter:

Health Department, Brooklyn, Feb. 5, 1863.

On the 1st inst., Mr. M. Paterson, of this city, reported that the entire family, and the servant of a German movement had for some time previously, and still suffered from the effects of a suitable poison, alleged to have been taken with their food. In compliance with the duties of my office, and at Dr. Paterson's request, I entered immediately upon the investigation. The family, consisting of Mr. Paterson, Mrs. Gerard C. Casey, his wife, two of his daughters, and one son, more or less under the influence of the supposed poison, the rest of the family being convalescent. The servant had been removed to other quarters; one of the young ladies was very sick; her face was bloated and disfigured like the dropsy; her eyelids were greatly distended and could scarcely be opened; her eye-balls were bloodshot, and the pupils considerably dilated; she was their under violent fever and very restless; she complained of headache and great dizziness; she was tortured by frightful dreams and became at times delirious; besides this there was great pain in the back and extremities, the latter were moreover benumbed; she was very weak, either from the effects of the alleged poison or from the prevailing copious diarrhœa, or from both conjointly; learning that every member of the family had been thus affected, I could not hesitate in lending my official assistance in the discovery of the alleged poisonous cause. Dr. Paterson had already instituted the most searching inquiry, and at last fixed his suspicions upon the so-called rye coffee, which the family had made use of for the last three or four weeks. After due deliberation on all the attending circumstances, I could not help sharing in the suspicion, as no other cause could be assigned. Ascertaining the places where the suspected articles had been bought, I possessed myself of some samples, suspended the further sale of said articles at those places until the composition and effects could be fully examined into. Chemical analysis and microscopical examinations being utterly impracticable, I resorted to experiments upon dogs. In preparing a strong decoction of the sample, I noticed its strong, disagreeable and nauseating flavor, very similar to that emanating from a decoction of ergot, yet stronger in the former. The animal exhibited great [illegible]

[illegible] Coroner Wolf, yesterday, upon the body of Bridget Ryan, who died on Sunday night last, at her residence, No. 16 Gerard-street. The jury found that her death was produced by the use of ardent spirits and low fever. It appears that the deceased has been addicted to the habit of intoxication, which has much injured her health, reduced her finances, and estranged her friends. She was formerly a member of position in society. She was born in New-Jersey, and has two sons living in the Ninth Ward.

[illegible] Conversation.—On Sunday evening next the United States Christian Commission will hold a meeting at the Academy of Music. Gen. Scott has promised to preside. Addresses will be made by Rev. Dr. Tyng, Gen. A. E. Burnside, Rev. [illegible] Esq., Col. McKean and Rev. Mr. Duryea. The entertainment states where tickets of admission can be procured without charge. The Christian Commission is very worthy of the daily to perform, and has undertaken a great and good work in ministering to our army and navy with good reading. The meeting will, we think, be largely attended.

Court of Common Pleas.—In this Court yesterday, before Recorder Hoffman, Morgan Carman, aged 26, was tried and convicted of stealing a horse from Morris Daly, and sentenced to the State Prison for two years. Michael Ryan, who convicted of petit larceny, and sent to the City Prison for ten days. James O'Brien and Henry Matthews pleaded guilty to an attempt to commit grand larceny and was remanded for sentence on Saturday next.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

The Supposed Murder of a Woman in South Brooklyn.—Coroner's Investigation and Verdict of Insanity.—Coroner Noland yesterday held an inquest upon the body of an unknown woman, who was found murdered on the Flats, at the foot of William-street, on Tuesday morning last. She was last seen in company with a man by an employe in the oil factory of Richardson & Buncker, about 1 o'clock A. M. [illegible] where her body was found, but as it appears to be a common practice for loose characters to frequent that neighborhood at night, he paid no further attention to them. The evidence shows conclusively that the woman came to her death by violence. The following is the substance of the testimony:

Michael Sherry, sworn—Resides corner of Bond and Douglass streets; was employed by Messrs. Richardson & Buncker, in the oil factory at the foot of William-street; was at work on the night of the 3d of February; the factory is inclosed by a fence about seven feet in height; there are spaces between the boards. About 1 M. [illegible] I was passing along beside it, I heard a noise outside the fence; I heard a woman's voice, [illegible] "Stop, stop, stop," in a smothered tone; I went to the fence, looked through, and saw a man and woman; the man, I think, had on a fur hat or cap, and wore a short round about coat; it was moonlight at this time; they were about fifty yards off, going in the direction of the spot where the deceased was found; the man had his arm around her waist, and appeared to force her along; when they arrived at the place where she was discovered next morning they stopped; I saw no more of her, and turned to bundle; she broke loose and ran from him; he caught her; she screamed; he struck her; she returned to him, when he put his arms around her waist; at this time I began to feel very cold; was benumbed and, in my shirt-sleeves—besides it was necessary that I should return to my work; that was the last I saw of them; saw no body pass morning, but am unable to say whether it is the same I saw the night previous; took no more notice of them because [illegible] the woman was a prostitute, and so such things are frequent about the place. I paid no particular attention to the appearance of the parties. The deceased was dressed in the same clothes in which she was found. Just about the time I saw the woman, she was tying on her dress; and from blood stained the ground about her; the neighborhood is perfectly flat, covered with sand; it is a bleak, open spot; there are no houses or hills, or stones, for a long distance. I remarked to Mr. Laird, who was with me at the time, "It is weather what the man is dragging that woman toward the water for." I remained looking at him standing at the edge of the creek only about two minutes.

William Laird, who is also employed in Richardson and Buncker's factory, testified to hearing the little noise by and heard the screams together

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NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, FEB. 6, 1863.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Die Gefangene.
WINTER GARDEN—Shakespeare—Gen. Tom Thumb.
NIBLO'S—Ten Virgins.
LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—The Pet of the Petticoats—Sunset Trouvère.
WALLACK'S—Love in Limbo.
GERMAN OPERA—A Night in Granada.
BIRELL'S GARDEN—Lear, the Forsaken.
BARNUM'S MUSEUM—Miss Lavinia Warren, the Queen of Beauty, Gen. Tom, &c., at all hours—Tableaux of Vice; or, The Circle of Guilt, morning, afternoon and evening.
STUYVESANT INSTITUTE—(No. 659 Broadway) Rockett's Serenaders.
NEW HALL OF ART, No. 589 Broadway—Banvard's Panorama of the Mississippi and the War.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We have received very full files of Richmond and other Southern papers, to the 3d inst., from which we make important extracts, this morning. We get no additional details of the affair off Charleston harbor; but we get the fact that the rebels are industriously engaged in trying to convince everybody, and especially the foreign Consuls, that the blockade has been "raised." The French and English Consuls at Richmond have been officially notified that such is the case, and it is asserted, also, that, during the absence of the National vessels, on the 21st inst., a steamer left the port for Nassau, to notify our neutral English friends that the coast is clear, and that, for the present, at least, they can run in cargoes of "contraband" with impunity. Whether any such enterprise will be successful, however, remains to be seen. The new National frigate *Ironsides* is stated to be now lying off Charleston bar, outside a numerous fleet of other vessels.

We learn authoritatively from Washington that there has been no interruption of the Charleston blockade, and that no such assumption will be admitted by the Government. We learn also the important fact that an attack upon Charleston is momentarily expected, when the blockade will probably be raised in a manner not at all agreeable to the rebels.

The second attack on Fort McAllister, at the mouth of the Ogeechee River, according to a telegraph from Savannah, took place on the 1st inst. The *Montauk* has anchored within one thousand yards of the fort, and during the engagement her flagstaff was shot away. The parapet front of one of the guns of the fort was entirely demolished.

It appears that the repulse of the rebels under FORREST at Fort Donelson was most complete. An official dispatch received at Cairo states that they met with considerable loss, and that the National loss was from forty to fifty. The rebels have also failed in their demonstrations at Island No. 10.

Information has been received at headquarters in Louisville, to the effect that the rebel JOHN MORGAN was at Salem, a point on the Cumberland River, between Nashville and Clarksville, a few days since, and that he has a large force under his command. At its present stage, his cavalry could not cross the Cumberland without great difficulty, and it is probably his object to cooperate with FORREST in embarrassing the navigation of the Cumberland River.

A late letter from Newbern states that an important discovery was made there a few days since. About a mile and a half from the city, and beyond a dense wood, it was ascertained, by accident, that the rebels had actually commenced the erection of extensive earthworks, with a view of shelling the place after the departure of the expedition for Charleston. Precautionary measures were at once taken to prevent the completion of the undertaking.

The Washington *Republican* calls attention to the passage in a letter of Mr. MEMMINGER, comprised in the rebel diplomatic correspondence recently intercepted, which suggested that he had two millions and a-half of dollars in gold coin, which might be sent to England in a British man-of-war, if it first became the property of British subjects. Not many days ago it was stated that H. B. M. frigate *Vanessa* had arrived at Havana from Mobile, with a million and a-half of dollars in coin, and the *Republican* hints that Mr. SEWARD will promptly demand explanations from Lord LYONS.

A letter from a distinguished officer in the rebel army to a person in one of the Western States, which was recently intercepted, contains an account of a magnificent dinner, given in Charleston to Capt. DUBUQUOIS, and his officers, of the French frigate *Milan*, and the French Consul, Mons. ST. ANDRE. It is described as being "a magnificent affair." The following important extract explains itself: "There were thirty of us at the table. Toasts were drank to the Emperor and Empress, and responded to by the French Consul and Capt. DUBUQUOIS, of the French frigate *Milan*. They seemed to think there is no doubt that alliance, offensive and defensive, has been made or will very shortly be made by our Minister, Mr. SLIDELL, with the French Government. I have also conversed very freely with the officers of Her Majesty's frigate, the *Petrel*, now in port also, who expressed much faith in our being recognized during the month of February."

Gen. BUTLER has charged himself, in account with the War Department, with one million and eighty-eight thousand dollars, as having been received by him from military assessments and confiscations.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, the credentials of ALEX. S. RAMSEY, elected Senator from Minnesota, were presented. A bill to authorize the construction of telegraph and telegraph in Kansas was introduced. The President was called upon for information relative to the death of Gen. WARD, an American, killed in the service of the Chinese Government. A resolution introduced by Mr. WADE, of New-Jersey, making inquiries relative to the imprisonment of Capt. JOHN WEAVERING, formerly of the Fourth New-Jersey Regiment, in Fort Delaware, was laid over. The bill in relation to juries in the Courts of the United States was passed. A bill to incorporate the National Association for the Relief of Colored Women and Children, was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia. The bill to temporarily supply vacancies in the Executive Departments was passed. Mr. WILSON's bill to encourage recollistments, and for the enrollment and drafting of the militia, was then considered at some length, and was finally recommitted to the Military Committee. A resolution was adopted calling upon the President to communicate the number of volunteers and drafted men actually raised and mustered into the service. The Senate soon afterward adjourned.

In the House, a bill to establish thirty-seven additional post-routes was passed. The Senate's amendment to the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill, restricting the mileage of members of Congress to ten cents per mile, was disagreed to, and a Committee of Conference was asked for. A joint resolution for the revision and codification of the Naval laws was passed. A bill was passed increasing the amount of a certain class of naval pensions from $15 to $30 per month. The Naval Appropriation bill was then considered until the adjournment.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate yesterday a general bill for the repayment of bounty moneys to the several counties of the State was reported favorably. Mr. MURPHY introduced a bill to further amend the Brooklyn City Charter. The resolutions approving the President's Emancipation Proclamation were taken up as the special order.

In the Assembly, resolutions expressive of regret at the death of Senator WILLARD, were adopted. At 12 o'clock the special order—the resolutions to investigate the charges of corruption against Speaker CALLICOT—was taken up. A lengthy and somewhat personal debate took place, at the end of which the previous question was ordered on a motion to require specific charges in writing against the Speaker before any investigation can be had.

GENERAL NEWS.

Major CONWAY, Special Provost-Marshal in the Department of the East, has made some revelations with reference to the attempts of Generals and field and line officers, whose leaves of absence have expired, to avoid being arrested. He also states that the city is crowded with deserters, and appeals to the public generally to assist the military authorities in bringing the delinquents to justice.

At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, held yesterday, a resolution was adopted discountenancing the using of the chamber for any other than the legitimate purposes of the Board. A resolution was also adopted deprecating any attempt to depreciate the United States currency. A communication relative to the desire of English operatives to emigrate to this country with a view of obtaining work at the close of the war, was read and ordered on file.

The Board of Supervisors met at 3 o'clock P. M., yesterday, to act on the County Appropriation bill for 1863, partially discussed at the previous meeting. The majority and minority reports (the latter signed only by Mr. BLUNT) on the subject, were further considered. The only point of difference was as to the manner of providing a sum of $6,603 74, to pay claims for clerks' services under the Record Commission, and already judicially ordered. Mr. BLUNT wished to add it to the item for "County contingencies," so as to be able to withhold payment in case the suit pending in the Court of Appeals, between the County and Record Commission, should be decided against the latter, instead of raising the money directly for the claimants. The Board finally yielded the point to him, when the minority report was withdrawn, and the necessary transposition was afterward made in the budget, which was then considered and passed item by item. Increases were made to the amount of $92,000. The total amount of the appropriations, as finally passed, is $3,634,602 53. The Board adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M. of next Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a ball at Irving Hall last night, for the benefit of the German Hospital. The ball was intended to be the finale of a German Fair which has been open for the past few weeks, the proceeds of which have contributed largely to the hospital fund.

By reliable advices from Charleston, S. C., to Jan. 4, we learn that ladies' shoes were selling for $30 per pair; children's from $4 to $5; flannel, $1 per yard; eggs, $1 a dozen; corn, $1 50 to $3 50 per bushel; butter, $1 10; coffee, $3; beef forty, *pork fifty, and ham 90 cents per pound.*

The New-Haven *Journal and Courier* states that the *Mary Boston*, a little Connecticut River steamer, has been sold to the Government for $52,000. She cost, when new, only $30,000, and the Government has paid her owners $27,000 for the use of her the last six months. It would be interesting to know how the purchase money was divided.

The hospitals at Perryville, Ky., are being broken up, and nearly all those wounded in the great battle there have been removed to Louisville.

Gen. ROSECRANS has issued the following order: "By virtue of the authority delegated to the Major-General Commanding by the Secretary of War, Second Lieut. I. H. ALBERT, Co. G, Thirty-ninth Indiana Volunteers, is, for desertion, dishonorably dismissed the service of the United States. The General Commanding deems him too worthless to have him arrested and brought back for trial."

The Washington *Star* states that Gens. RICKETTS, CRAWFORD and MEREDITH have been appointed a Board to investigate the claims to restoration of such officers as have been summarily dismissed from the service by order of the President. Many of them allege that the President's action in their respective cases was based on erroneous representations, and they are sustained in that assertion by influential friends.

Several rebel mails have recently been seized by the United States naval forces, and some of them disclose facts not over creditable to some who profess to be "Union" men, in one of the "loyal" Border States.

The Stock and Gold Markets closed yesterday at nearly the same quotations as on Wednesday night: Gold, 156¾; Erie shares, 73; Exchange, 172¾; Money, 7 ▼ cent.

Breadstuffs were quiet yesterday at essentially unchanged prices. Provisions were in fair demand. Old Mess Pork was rather cheaper. Groceries were lightly dealt in, as were also Fish, Hides, Lime, Oils, Spices and Naval Stores. A fair inquiry prevailed for Cotton, Tobacco and Whisky. Tallow was in more request. Moderate freight engagements were effected.

UNCONDITIONAL LOYALTY.—We publish elsewhere a very eloquent and timely sermon by Rev. Dr. BELLOWS, on the duty of *sustaining the Government* in this terrible crisis of the nation's fate. It deserves general and attentive perusal. It states in just and strong terms the disastrous effects of the disposition to criticise and condemn the action of our rulers, which has to so large an extent obtained possession of the public mind. It denounces, with deserved severity, the sweeping censures and the wholesale slanders on the private characters of public men, in which a portion of the Press is so prone to indulge. And it sets forth, in very clear and impressive language, the absolute necessity, if we would rescue the Union and Constitution from the destruction which threatens them, of giving to the Government, and to the men who wield its powers, a larger degree of public confidence, and a more generous support than they now receive.

We commend the sentiments of this discourse to general attention. They cannot fail to commend themselves to the approval of every loyal and reflecting man.

Conservatives and Destructives—The Real Test.

"Now, *I would accept anything on an Anti-Slavery basis.* I would accept separation, I would accept compromise, I would accept Union. I would accept peace, and pay the whole Confederate debt at par on an Anti-Slavery basis. On that basis I have touched the hard-pan of National existence. I have reached the granite strata, and may begin to build again in peace. And until I reach that, no chicanery of parties, no ingenuity of compromise, no manner of separation can make any difference. We are in for the war."

So said WENDELL PHILLIPS at Plymouth Church on Tuesday night. We thank him for the clearness of the statement. It exposes the very pith of the doctrine of his school: *Let whatever else may be, the destruction of Slavery shall be.* This is revealed to us to be the first, great, absolute principle—the all-engrossing purpose, the all-determining standard, the all-compelling end.

Every man can apprehend that exactly; and, if he be a true Union man, can take sharp issue upon it. It is a question of supremacy, of highest claim, of first right, between Nationality and Abolition. The pure Union man says that the Union must be maintained, whether Slavery be destroyed or not. The pure Abolitionist says that Abolition must be maintained, whether the Union be destroyed or not. The one would secure the nation's life *at any price*; the other, Slavery's death *at any price*. The true name of the former is *conservative*, because conservation is his prime object; and the true name of the latter is *destructive*, because destruction is *his* prime object.

President LINCOLN belongs to the first class. Even if his own personal opinions did not thus associate him—as they most certainly do—his official obligations would. He has taken an oath to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." That is his supreme duty, both in his civil functions, and in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy. Should he fail in that duty he would subject himself to impeachment, and would perjure his soul before high heaven. It is precisely because of his fidelity here that WENDELL PHILLIPS declaims against him. President LINCOLN, true to his official oath, and in the principle *that the salvation of the Union is the paramount object*, has proclaimed an end to Slavery in certain *specified portions of the land which are in flagrant and inveterate rebellion.* He has done it as one of the necessary means, in his judgment, for the weakening and extinction of the rebellion. He has taken his authority to do it, not from philanthropic sentiment, nor from any principle of abstract justice, but from the established laws of war—proceeding upon the solid ground that a state of war exists *in pursuance of* the Constitution, and that the maintenance of war *constitutionally* carries with it all the powers of war, so far as is necessary to give it effect. By the same authority and for the same reason that he takes life and takes property from the rebels, he also takes slaves. It is all done to put down the rebellion and save the Constitution and Union, and for no other end whatever. He limits his action to what that end requires—making his means strictly commensurate with his object. For this Mr. PHILLIPS upbraids him. He does not accept emancipation as a means at all. It is to him an end in itself, and a supreme end. Therefore he will take no limitation of it. He insists *upon its being universal and unconditional*, imposed alike upon loyal man and traitor; not subservient to the saving of the Union, but, if necessary to its own purpose, authorizing and dictating the very destruction of the Union. That is just the difference between ABRAHAM LINCOLN and WENDELL PHILLIPS.

The distinction is a cardinal one, and it divides large classes here in the North. We suppose we may fairly take the *Tribune* as the newspaper exponent of the spirit and thought of the Phillips school. We do not think that the term *radical*, as applied to them, is sufficiently distinctive. Radical is not necessarily the reverse of conservative. A truly conservative man may, in great strait, consistently favor the application of the most radical expedient; just as the most careful physician often applies a desperate remedy to a desperate disease, or a most law-respecting Mayor may blow up a block to save a city. There are occasions when in fact radicalism, or rather radical practice, is the only true conservatism. Rather than see this nation perish, we would, if there were need, annihilate Slavery root and branch; and we hold that no one is a true Union man who does not have that feeling. It is a radical feeling, for it is proposed to go, *if necessary*, to the root; and yet it is a conservative feeling, for it springs only from the wish to preserve. No! As we have already said, the true reverse to conservative is *destructive*, and action toward the Union is the criterion which must settle the name. He who, like ABRAHAM LINCOLN, would *save* the Union with anything, is a *conservative*. He who, like WENDELL PHILLIPS, would *destroy* the Union for anything, is a *destructive*.

There are Pro-Slavery destructives as well as Anti-Slavery destructives. They belong to the "copperhead" species. These men would break up the Union sooner than break up Slavery. They would work for a peace which shall give the Confederacy Independence, rather than coöperate in a war which should bear against Slavery. They make the salvation of Slavery their supreme object, just as the other extreme makes the destruction of Slavery *their* supreme object. And here, too, "extremes meet." They both unite in repelling any treatment of the institution as a moral or a higher one. They know no higher law than what relates to the institution; and, willing to sacrifice the Union itself sooner than this, they are both alike destructives.

It is against these people alike that true Union conservatives ought to combine. We say true conservatives—not that pack of brawlers and factionists who have stolen that name to serve PAST DAYS under. We mean the people, whose honest, foremost concern is the rescue of their country from the destruction which threatens it—the men who though they may have different opinions respecting the worth of Slavery, yet have but one opinion respecting the worth of their country, which alone they regard as beyond all price. Agreement here is the vital thing, the essential duty. All the rest involves expediency only; and time alone can prove that. If the Proclamation has its intended effect in crippling the rebellion, though the Anti-Slavery Unionist may be glad on two accounts, the Pro-Slavery Unionist may be sufficiently glad on one. If the Proclamation has no effect, while the Pro-Slavery Unionist may be glad on one account, the Anti-Slavery Unionist can complain on none. Instead of wasting breath in wrangling about the Proclamation, the better way is for all Union men, of whatever opinion, to wait calmly and see what will come of it. Its fruits alone can determine its merits; and those fruits are *Union fruits*. There neither is nor ought to be any other test.

Secrecy at the Wrong Time.

It is said that Gen. BANKS is unable to commence operations against Port Hudson, owing, partly, to the insufficiency of his force, but mainly to the fact that the Medical Department, not knowing where the expedition was going, but suspecting that it was to act against Richmond, sent all the medical stores to the James River. If this be true, it proves that there is such a thing as keeping a secret too well; and that, from letting everything be known to the wrong people, the authorities have rushed into the opposite extreme, of letting nothing be known to the right people. It is, we admit, better, as a general rule, to err on the side of too great secrecy, than on that of too great publicity; for while the former may sometimes cause suffering or delay, the latter is pretty sure to cause total failure.

We should, however, be more disposed to pardon any omissions arising out of the excess of mystery in which the Banks Expedition was shrouded, if we saw clearly what was the object of making any mystery about it whatever. What damage the National cause could possibly have sustained *from having it announced in all the newspapers* three weeks before it started, that it was intended *for New-Orleans*, we confess we *cannot conceive*. The use of secrecy about all military enterprises is to prevent the enemy from getting ready at the point of attack, when the attack is intended to be sudden. But BANKS' attack was evidently not intended to be sudden; nor was it intended, as now appears evident, to attempt anything like a *coup de main*. He was simply going to New-Orleans to take BUTLER's place, and make arrangements for subsequent operations up the river; and what the enemy could have gained by knowing all this beforehand, nobody can tell. Since his arrival in New-Orleans, they have had time enough to send half their army to the West, and to surround Port Hudson with miles of earthworks; and we venture to say it will still be some weeks before the place is invested. So that there was about as much use in keeping his destination secret, as there would be in pretending that HOOKER's army was to operate against the Indians.

If, however, the story be true that he is now delayed at New-Orleans for want of hospital stores, the mystery was not *only unnecessary but mischievous*—as, while it has done no damage in the world to the enemy, it is doing a great deal to us. There is sad illustration of the want of discipline, organization and responsibility,—want of system, in short—which pervades the service, to be found in the fact, if fact it be, that while Gen. BANKS' plans were buried in the inmost depths of the official bosom, though their revelation could neither have harmed or helped anybody whatever, Gen. BUTLER's plans were so well known that his officers had time to come to Washington and debate them with the President before the army moved. In short, at New-Orleans, where there was no enemy, our last descent was a complete surprise; while at Fredericksburgh, where there was an enemy, our plans were as well known as the topics of debating clubs usually are, to anybody who is interested in ascertaining them.

It must not be imagined that in saying all this we seek to condemn secrecy except in those cases in which there is clearly something to be gained by it. We think, on the contrary, that it would be vastly better for the nation and the army if the object of every expedition were just as carefully concealed as that of Gen. BANKS; but we also maintain that the discipline and responsibility ought to be so severe that there would be no danger in communicating enough knowledge to the heads of departments to enable them to do their duties properly. If the Medical Director of an army corps cannot be trusted with as much information as will enable him to accumulate his supplies at the proper point, he is clearly not fit for his place. And if any such officer, having been intrusted with such information, divulged it, he should be made an example of. Until, in short, it has been impressed on the mind of every man in the service that he has nothing to do with his orders but to obey them, and that all discussion about them, or questioning of them, is a crime, we shall never achieve success. For even the President to debate the plans of a General-in-Chief with his subordinate officers is something so subversive to discipline, and so demoralizing and disorganizing in its effects, that even the grossest ignorance of military matters can furnish no excuse for it.

We are aware that the "Conservative" party are not of this way of thinking. They evidently want an Army organized on a broad popular basis—the band to be a "military board," like that proposed by the Illinois Secessionists—elected, we presume, by the people. They want the whole body of the voters either to choose the General-in-Chief, or to approve of him when chosen; and the whole army to be consulted as to whom it will serve under, and as to the plan of campaign. They would have, we presume, a caucus at headquarters, in telegraphic communication with the Aldermen and Common Councilmen of the great cities acting as an advisory committee, and hearing the complaints of the privates against their officers, seeing that the war was carried on constitutionally, and at the same time negotiating with the enemy for "a compromise," and with power to quash all sentences of courts-martial, and rescind all general orders. And we recommend Mr. GREELEY and all other persons who are anxious for "a short war," to advocate this plan, or something like it. If they can get it adopted, we promise them the shortest and most decisive campaign that ever has been witnessed; and it would result in the establishment of Stonewall JACKSON's headquarters in such close proximity to the *Tribune* office, that we have no doubt either his teachings would produce the happiest effects on Mr. GREELEY, or Mr. GREELEY's on him.

The Paper Duty.

Both branches of the *Pennsylvania* Legislature have passed resolutions urging Congress to repeal or reduce the duty on imported printing paper. The *New-York* Assembly has done the same thing, and so have the Legislatures of *Massachusetts* and of *New-Jersey*. Other States, without doubt, will rapidly follow the example. We have not heard of any State passing resolutions in favor of keeping the duty at its present enormous rate, as the Paper-maker's Association desires. Indeed, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, the strongest protectionist States in the Union, have resolved exactly the other way.

This action shows how strong a hold this matter has taken on the public mind. There is really among the people no difference of opinion on the subject. Everybody who reads books, pamphlets, or newspapers,—every child at school, suffers directly from the attempt of the paper-makers to keep paper up to the high price to which their combination has raised it. Their pretext that its rise in price is wholly due to the rise in rags, caused by the loss of cotton, is disproved by the fact that, in Europe, where cotton is scarcer than here, rags have risen but little, and paper not at all. Besides, the "recommendation" for a rise in paper preceded the rise in rags, which was *thus the consequence, and not the cause* of the advance in paper.

The paper-makers deny that it was any part of their purpose, in combining, to affect prices. We should be very unwilling to impute to them individually any purpose which they disclaim. We have no doubt that very many among them were made to believe that this was actually so. But it is not easy to see why any such combination was needed at all just at that time, if it was to have nothing to do with prices. And it is still more remarkable that the leading men in the new combination should have been those who had previously been active in a writing paper-makers' combination, and had actually raised by agreement the price of that article. And it is most strange of all, in face of these denials, that the very first act of this new association should have been the adoption of a resolution "recommending" an *immediate advance* of from twenty to thirty per cent. in the price of paper, and that *none should be sold below it.* This, be it remembered, was *before* any advance in the price of rags, and although not obligatory either in form or in fact, operated as an assurance that no paper-maker had anything to fear from the competition of other members of the Association. The natural result was that all raised their prices, and the President of the Association, Mr. H. V. BUTLER, informed the Press, through the *Herald*, that "however much they might *writhe* under the advance," *they had got to pay it.* And so it proved.

The Press asks nothing unreasonable in this matter. They ask nothing which it is not for the interest of the People and of the Government itself that they should have. They ask nothing for themselves which is not equally important for all who use paper in any form, and for all who read anything—books, periodicals or newspapers—which is printed upon paper. They ask nothing of which paper-makers themselves have any right for a moment to complain. They simply ask for a *reduction of the duty on imported paper from 25 to 10 per cent.* The Secretary of the Treasury expresses the opinion that this will *increase* the revenue derived from paper. That of itself ought, in these times, when the Government needs every dollar it can command, to be decisive.

THE RAISING OF THE CHARLESTON BLOCKADE.—Some of our neighbors are expending a great deal of industry and some little learning in discussing the question whether the rebel ram *Palmetto State* has actually broken the Charleston blockade or not. The enormous exaggerations of the rebel newspapers, in stating the facts of the case, leave very little solid ground for argument upon the subject; and the official dispatches, though couched in the most extravagant language, throw an air of ridicule over the pretensions which they themselves have put forward in connection with it.

All that they have actually done is to compel the surrender of one vessel, and "disperse" the rest so that they could not be seen in a dense fog. If during this temporary opening of the gate any foreign vessel had entered the harbor, they would have been protected in so doing, and to that extent the blockade would have been raised. But, so far as appears, no attempt of the kind was made. And before night our blockading vessels were again in position.

We beg to suggest to the Government that the shortest way of ending all these controversies about the blockade, would be to take *Charleston*. We have iron-clads enough unemployed to do it, and plenty of officers who would gladly undertake it. This and a few other Southern ports once in our possession, we should have no further trouble in maintaining the efficacy of the blockade.

The Railroads to Washington.

We have published several communications against the passage of the bill now before Congress, authorizing and aiding the construction of an air-line railroad between Washington and New-York. The main argument they urge against it is, that the Directors of the existing roads propose to remedy all the defects in the present lines, and that the proposed "air line" road cannot be built. The configuration of the country and other material obstacles forbid it.

Having thus given these parties a full and fair hearing, we have only to say that we hope the pending bill *will be passed* as speedily as possible. If the road which it authorizes can't be built, then it won't—that's all. No harm will follow the enactment of its law. The present companies have nothing to fear from the passage of a bill authorizing an impossibility. If they propose to remedy all the defects which render another road desirable, the sooner they accomplish this result the more thoroughly will they defeat the construction of the rival road. But promises on their part have ceased to pass current. The public desires something more. And Congress cannot afford to delay action on the strength of mere promises any longer.

We do not believe there is a railroad route in the world over which so much business is transacted, in so shameless a condition of inefficiency and discomfort as that between New-York and Washington. The distance is about 240 miles, and the time consumed in traversing it, by the fastest trains, is about twelve hours—an average of twenty miles an hour. *Eight* ought to be the maximum required for express trains. The cars, especially beyond Philadelphia, are the very worst to be found on any important road within our knowledge. There is neither decent ventilation, respectable warmth, provision for light baggage, ordinary cleanliness, or anything else indispensable to the comfort which every passenger has a right to expect where he pays as exorbitant a fare as is demanded. The track is rough, so as to make it absolutely dangerous to travel at any high rate of speed. And while the same cars are run over the entire route, there is a difference of *two inches* in the width of the track on the two roads north and south of Philadelphia. The cars fitted to the track between Baltimore and Philadelphia is compelled to run on rails two inches further apart this side of the latter place!

What is needed is *competition* over the whole route. The worst effects of monopoly have been developed on this line of travel. The least comfort for the most money is the rule which has obtained, and, whatever promises they may make now, it is idle to hope for any essential improvement from the managers of the existing roads, so long as they have nothing to fear from competition. They will make any promises necessary to defeat the pending bill. If they can accomplish that, after Congress adjourns they will fall back on their vested rights.

We hope Congress will pass the bill now before them. If capitalists will undertake the construction of the new road, and engineers pronounce it feasible, the public will be the gainers thereby. If it cannot be built, no harm will be done.

A LARGE PROJECT.—The Richmond correspondent of the Charleston *Mercury* says that French bankers have tendered the Confederacy a loan of seventy-five millions of francs, but that the terms of the loan are not yet divulged. We have heard frequently before of foreign loans to the Confederacy, including the ventures in that line of Mr. SLIDELL and Mr. BEAUVAIS, mentioned in the recently intercepted rebel dispatches; but we have not put much value either on the assertions or on the loans. It is quite possible, however, that the rebels are carrying on negotiations to procure foreign credit on the strength of the cotton crop, the whole of which the rebel Government now proposes to seize.

A bill was introduced into the Confederate Senate, on the 26th ult., by Mr. PERKAS, of Mississippi, for *condemnation to the public use of all cotton* within the Confederate States, and the bill was referred to a Select Committee. A writer in the Richmond *Whig* strongly urges this measure. The plan is for the Confederate Government to seize the cotton, give the owner a receipt for the price at it at 12½ cents a pound, sell it to the Government of France or to dealers in England, and let the purchasers see to its exportation. The loan of the French bankers may have something to do with this scheme.

We have no doubt the Cotton Condemnation bill will be made law by the Confederate Congress. The planters will not be averse to the scheme. There are now two years' crops of cotton upon their hands, useless and worthless. They will doubtless think that this scheme gives them at least a chance of getting some returns from it. "The worst that can be said of the measure," says the writer already referred to, "is, that it is a means of effecting a forced loan—or of impressing the money of the capitalist for public use. Now," continues he, "where is the greater hardship in impressing the money of the man of substance, than impressing the persons, (by the Conscript law,) or the slaves, horses, cattle, grain, &c., of the man of moderate means?" All very true, and perfectly logical. And the only way in which we can baulk the whole scheme, and prevent the furnishing of the loan which is probably based upon its carrying out, is to get Wilmington,

[illegible] Savannah, Mobile and the entire country into our hands as soon as possible.

A FOOLISH WASH.—We are in favor of giving our gallant soldiers as many of the good things of this life as possible—good rations, good clothes, prompt pay, good muskets and plenty of work. But we hope that the statement we get from Washington is not true, that the War Department has decided to add tobacco to the army ration, and that a resolution to that effect will soon be introduced into Congress. The effect of it will simply be to make a bad habit universal in the army. We have not heard that the soldiers asked or desired any such favor from the War Department. Doubtless some of them smoke, others chew, and not a few like snuff. A few cents a week will procure tobacco for such, if they purchase themselves; but if the Government undertake the business it will cost at least a quarter of a dollar a week for each man; and this, with our present force in the field, will add nearly a *million dollars a month* to the already enormous expenses of our military establishment. We would not begrudge this or ten times as much, if it would benefit our army, or add to its efficiency, health or *morale* in any way. But it will not. It will be a foolish waste, without equivalent, and will tend only to the benefit of speculators. We suspect that the whole thing has been gotten up by some tobacco speculators, who see in it a hopeful means of filling their pockets and increasing the value of their stock. The thing our army wants is to be paid its legitimate dues regularly and promptly, and out of these, those who use the wood will procure what of it they need. The ration of grog, which many thought really needful, has been abolished in the navy; let us not introduce a worse one into the army.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—"A bill to amend an act entitled an act to organize and supply *negro labor for coast defence*, in compliance with requisitions of the Government of the Confederate States, and to authorize and direct the Governor to proceed to furnish negro labor under said act," is before the South Carolina Legislature, now in session at Columbia. In precisely what way the "negro labor for coast defence" is to be "organized" does not appear. We suppose the negroes are to be employed on fortifications, &c., along the coast. At all events, South Carolina is to be defended by the aid of negroes. And if BEAUREGARD may employ negroes in raising rebel works to defend the State, why should not Gen. HUNTER employ negroes to scale those defences? If black hands may work BEAUREGARD'S artillery, why should they not work HUNTER'S cannon?

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Mr. GRAU'S short season at the Academy of Music comes to an end this evening, when MOZART'S opera of "Don Giovanni" will be given. This work, introducing three prime dozens, and the usual force of male singers, is seldom played except on the last night of the season, the impression prevailing that its attractions are too strong for any other time; that the public will not care to listen to one prima donna after having heard three. In accordance with custom, therefore, Mr. GRAU plays his trump card, and no may rest assured the house will be crowded. The two performances already given attracted the largest and most fashionable audiences ever seen here, and have, we are glad to hear, been a source of considerable profit to the impresario. The house, we are told, will be made sufficiently warm on Wednesday it was miserably heated.

There will be a final matinée to-morrow, when, owing to the length of the programme, the performances will commence at 12½ o'clock precisely. The whole of BELLEN'S "Norma" will be given, with Madame LAGRIE as the priestess. An interesting novelty is the performance of the operetta "Les Noces de Jeanette" in French, and with Mlle. CORNIE in her original role of the heroine. The attractions are certainly sufficient.

GERMAN OPERA.—CONRADIN KREUTZER'S famous opera, "A Night in Granada," will be given here to-night, with the same distribution that obtained so great a success for the work in Philadelphia. It is one of the classics of the German repertoire, and although a little old-fashioned, displays the purest musical merits.

GERMAN OPERA IN BROOKLYN.—It will be seen by an announcement elsewhere, that Mr. ANSCHUTZ has completed his arrangements for giving a series of four grand operatic performances at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, commencing on Tuesday next, the 10th inst. All the artists of the New-York company will be engaged in the representation, and to fill the capacity of the house there will be an adequate increase in the numerical strength of the orchestra and chorus. The opening opera is MOZART'S "Magic Flute," (D'a Zauberflote,) a work which has been received with the greatest favor both here and in Philadelphia, and which, we may add, is given with rare completeness of ensemble and chorus. To the music-loving Americans, as well as Germans, of the neighboring city, these performances will be a treat of the rarest kind, lasting nothing in these times from the cheapness of the price of admission. The box office for the sale of seats will open on Saturday next, at the Academy, in Montague-street.

ASTOR SOCIETY BALL.—The arrangements for this grand affair, on the 11th, (at NIBLO'S Theatre,) are so far complete, and the excitement concerning it so much on the increase, that people who have not yet procured their tickets should do so at once, the number being limited. They can be had at any of the principal restaurants, provided the applicant is known to the proprietor.

WINTER GARDEN.—BENEFIT OF CUBAS.—This evening the beautiful CUBAS invites her friends to gather around her, it being the occasion of her farewell benefit, and last appearance but one. She presents a bill of extraordinary attractions, appearing herself in four different characters in the fascinating French dance, "La Folie;" as *Naramatteh*, in CUBAS'S celebrated drama; in the Spanish dance, "La Madrilena," and as the "French Spy." When to add to this the domestic drama of "One Touch of Nature," in which Mr. COLLEGE sustains his great character of *Peabodier*, we have said sufficient to ensure a full house.

Movements of Gen. McClellan.

BOSTON, Thursday, Feb. 5.

Gen. MCCLELLAN visited Salem, , where he was welcomed by a great crowd at salute of thirteen guns. A similar salute was in Lynn, as the train with the General on board passed through that city. A large delegation from Augusta, Me., including several members of the Legislature, are expected to arrive to-night to pay their respects to the General.

The gallant Col. CROSS, of the New-Hampshire Fifth, is at the Parker House, quite ill. He was en route for the army, (which he is most anxious to join,) when he was taken sick.

BOSTON, Thursday, Feb. 5.

At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen a resolution to extend the hospitalities of the city to Gen. MCCLELLAN was negatived by a tie vote.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

OUR ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

Reorganization of the Army—Plans of Gen. Hooker—Institution of a Better System of Discipline, &c.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Sunday, Feb. 1, 1863.

While the question of moving this army is held in such stern abeyance by natural obstacles, it is well to know what is being done by the new commander toward reorganizing the army, and toward relieving it of certaining damaging and dangerous influences which pervade it to a considerable degree. To this end his Staff has been speedily organized and announced, and its formation attracts attention, both from its limited numbers, and its exhibition of superior business, military and executive talent.

The most inexperienced eye, if familiar with the sentiment and condition of this army, can readily perceive the abuses and delinquencies which need correction. They are not chargeable to the late commander. The orgin of some of them dates almost back to the origin of the army. The army has been, in part, wrongly educated. It has been taught to care more for men than for principle. Its heart was right in the first place, but its sentiments have been perverted. It must now come back to the original object, and the Army of the Potomac must be taught the first duty of the soldier—*to hear and obey without questioning.*

I have reason to believe that Gen. HOOKER meditates a renewal of discipline, and the correction of certain abuses, with a stern and vigorous hand. He has already commenced it. A general order, issued yesterday, bears unrelentingly upon deserters, and upon officers absent without leave. The latter will find it healthy for their official constitutions to report at once. Two hundred and fifty deserters were yesterday returned to their several corps, with instructions to division commanders to organize at once court-martial, composed of the ablest officers of their commands, and that these men be tried speedily, and punishment meted out according to the verdicts rendered. The commander believes that proper vigilance upon the part of subordinate officers will prevent desertions, and the exercise of this vigilance will be required.

It is a matter of record that but one man was ever executed in the Army of the Potomac for a flagrant crime, and that was a case of an attempted desertion to the enemy. The most earnest and vigilant commanders believe that the power of execution should be confided to the commander in the field. Senator WILSON'S new bill meets this exigency. Half-a-dozen officers and a dozen privates executed in each corps in the army, for flagrant crimes and misdemeanors, would have a beneficial effect. It would mean something.

There is another point upon which I believe Gen. HOOKER means to make improvements, and in fact means to control entirely. It is in the matter of promotions. Being at the head of the army, he must necessarily know who he has beneath him, and upon whom he can rely. Faithful officers will be rewarded. Men who fight bravely and do their whole duty will be placed literally in "the line of promotion" upon the commander's roster. He will require that his recommendations be promptly approved. Faithfulness will not be comprehended in a mere machine-like performance of duty. Alacrity and an earnest desire for success in their work are the requisites which entitle officers and men to consideration and approval.

Useless, inefficient and incompetent officers will probably have a hard time of it. No subordinate who does not respond promptly to the wishes of his commander will be tolerated for an instant. Any such desiring to get out of the service will have an opportunity to do so, and if not going voluntarily, they will go by disgraceful dismission. The army will be thoroughly weeded, and vacancies filled from the line and from the ranks. This is the only thing left. The army is still immense in numbers and material. It needs recuperation in spirit and efficiency. And if Gen. HOOKER commands it, this he will have. The few orders already issued have the true ring; they portray the earnestness of a live man, and give every patriotic heart great hope.

This army may not be able to move for a month—certainly not until we have better and steadier weather. But we shall have won a victory at the end of that time, by the renewed spirits and discipline which shall prevail, as the result of the vigorous and unrelenting work of reorganization. This has begun and will go on until finished. And then we shall look for better things from the Army of the Potomac.

It may not be in a Republic whose people are educated to the principles of personal independence, that we shall ever have an army of soldiers, whose mere discipline shall render them capable of being impressed and molded by the force of one powerful will, as NAPOLEON sometimes impressed and molded his armies. But we may have an army that will readily recognize order and discipline and obedience as the primary principles of its action, and then with a *head* to command, it will win victories and crush rebellion.

Let the people of the nation take heart. They are better off in regard to this army than they think they are. The *fighting* men to it are beginning to command it. Fair weather commanders are disappearing. Disloyalty and incompetency are below par, and patriotism and ability are at a premium. When we fight again we shall fight to some purpose. R.

Gen. Franklin's Departure—His Opposition to the Recent Movement—His Relations to Gen. Burnside—Gen. Smith—His Successor, &c.

LEFT GRAND DIVISION, WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 28, 1863.

Gen. FRANKLIN took his departure yesterday for Washington, after turning his command over to Gen. SMITH. He was escorted from Headquarters by a large number of officers, including the members of his own and Gen. SMITH'S Staff. His first exclamation on seeing so many officers drawn up to receive and accompany him was, "Good God! what does this mean?" Prior to leaving, he issued an address to the soldiers of the Left Grand Division, referring to his past connection with them, counseling them to be faithful to their new commander even as they have been to him, and closing by saying it was not necessary for him to inform them that he did not leave by choice.

This settles the point at issue as to whether Gen. FRANKLIN was relieved of his command peremptorily, or in accordance with a request that he should not be compelled to serve under Gen. HOOKER. Gen. FRANKLIN made no secret of his opposition to the late attempt of Gen. BURNSIDE to cross the Rappahannock. The Commander-in-Chief, I have reason to know, distrusted the Commander of the Left Grand Division, whom I am informed made frequent charges of incapacity against him to the President, and in other ways attempted to secure his removal. I can attribute his removal to no other cause than this, viz.: his intriguing against and failure to cooperate with his General Commanding.

Gen. FRANKLIN is a brave and skillful soldier, popular with both officers and men. But his ardent devotion to Gen. MCCLELLAN, to whom he is indebted for his rapid promotion, may have rendered him blind to the virtues of and hostile to any General who might succeed him. If this be true, the interests of the army demanded that he should no longer be retained as a division commander. Gen. SMITH, Commander of the Sixth Corps, succeeds to the command of the left Grand Division. He is the same Gen. SMITH who was so unjustly accused of falling from his horse at the battle of Lee's Mills, from intoxication. Though a bosom friend of Gen. FRANKLIN—always camping near, and constantly with him—he has showed an antipathy for Gen. MCCLELLAN only equaled by FRANKLIN'S admiration. He was promoted to the Sixth Army Corps at Warrenton when Gen. FRANKLIN succeeded to the command of the Left Grand Division. Prior to that time he had charge of the First Division of the Sixth Corps, since commanded by Gen. HOWE. Gen. NEWTON succeeds to the command of the Sixth Corps. There is no officer in the service who is entitled to more regard by the loyal North. A Virginian by birth, born and living at Norfolk until the breaking out of the war, having no kinsmen at the North, and enjoying the most intimate relations with those of Southern birth, he manfully resisted the lure of rebellion, and remained true to his allegiance.

The general headquarters were being removed back yesterday to the vicinity of——, scarcity of feed is doubtless the main reason for the change.

Another terrible rain-storm has raged all day, which to-night is turning into snow.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The ground is covered with several inches of snow this morning, imparting a decidedly wintry aspect. We shall now probably have several weeks of decidedly unpleasant weather. Mr. JAYNCOX, the news agent between Falmouth and Aquia Creek, had a very narrow escape yesterday. While passing from one car to another he fell between, and had not a bystander luckily caught him by the coat would have been crushed to death. J.

Depreciation of Government Currency—Letter from Hon. R. J. Walker.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1863.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your paper of the 3d inst., I notice the following communication, signed "Hayward," "An Error in Mr. WALKER'S Calculations:"

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Permit me to draw the attention of yourself, as well as that of the public, to an arithmetical error which I discover in the communication headed "The National Banking Scheme," and dated at Washington on the 27th inst. The communication appeared in your issue of this morning.

I infer, of course, that the mistake was not made by the author of the article, but by Hon. ROBERT J. WALKER, whose proposition is merely restated. I will give the figures correctly precisely as they occur: "At 60 per cent. premium," he tells us, "if we nearly triple our expenses reach $700,000,000 in paper, this would command only $280,000,000 in gold, thus subjecting the Government to a loss of $420,000,000 per annum, or deducting reasonably for interest saved on the proceeds of the operation, the net loss may be stated at $400,000,000 per annum, from the use of a redundant and, therefore, depreciated currency."

I was struck with a desire to test the truth of this financial proposition, and immediately proceeded to do so, and found that Mr. WALKER had overstated the net loss to the Government to the amount of $140,000,000. If I might presume to ask for sufficient room in your columns, I could show the existence of the error by an arithmetical demonstration requiring some space; but I will forbear, and will only offer this simple proof, to be worked by others at their leisure: If it take $160 of paper currency to buy $100 in gold, how much gold can be had for $700,000,000 of paper? HAYWARD.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 31, 1863.

It is strange that "Hayward" should refer to a statement about my article, purporting to be published in the TIMES by one of your correspondents, when he could so easily have had access to the article itself, over my own signature, published in the *Continental Monthly*. That article, in advance sheets from the *Continental Monthly*, was published early in January last in pamphlet form, and circulated by thousands in New-York and elsewhere. It was also published in some of the New-York papers about the middle of January, and a few days afterward in the *Continental Monthly* itself.

My statement was as follows: "Gold now commands a *premium* of 32 per cent., payable in Treasury notes; but if such issues be increased one-half, they would fall to 50 per cent., and, if doubled, to at least 60 per cent. *below specie*. At the *last* rate, if our yearly expenditures, paid in paper, reached $700,000,000, this would command but $280,000,000 in gold, thus subjecting the Government to a loss of $420,000,000 per annum, and 32 per cent. *discount*, $224,000,000 per annum."—*Continental Monthly*, p. 132, *No. 14.*

You will perceive that the difference between *premium* and *discount*, confounded by "Hayward," is clearly stated by me. My statement is, that if Treasury notes fell "60 per cent. below specie," $700,000,000 of such notes "would command but $280,000,000," and in the same ratio at "32 per cent. *discount*." This is precisely correct. The calculation would be, if $100 in Treasury notes, at "50 per cent. below specie," are worth $40 in gold, what would $700,000,000 command in gold? The result is, as correctly stated by me, $280,000,000, the loss being, as given by me, $420,000,000. So, also, if $100 in Treasury notes, at "32 per cent. discount," are worth $68 in gold, what will $700,000,000 command in gold? The result is, $476,000,000, which, deducted from $700,000,000, leaves the loss, as stated by me, $224,000,000.

This is a matter of vital importance, not only to our finances, but as exposing the Government to extreme danger. If our annual expenses are $700,000,000 in gold or its equivalent, and this $700,000,000 in paper should eventually command but $280,000,000 in gold, it is quite clear that our finances would be soon overthrown, and our army, in whole or in part, disbanded.

At the date of my article, gold commanded a premium of 32 per cent.; it has since risen to 50 per cent. premium, under the *proposed* augmented issues of legal tender Treasury notes. This progressive depreciation has been arrested *for the moment*, in the hope that the proposed new banking and funding system might be substituted. Should it be otherwise, all my worst predictions will certainly be fulfilled, and the existence of the Government seriously endangered.

Will you please correct "Hayward's" error by publishing this letter immediately in your columns. If "Hayward's" error has been transferred to other papers, may I not ask them to make a similar correction? Yours, very respectfully,

R. J. WALKER.

Entertainment by the Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute.

Last evening the Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute gave another of those public entertainments which, from their commencement, have given so much pleasure to the relatives and friends of the pupils, and the residents in Brooklyn generally. The entertainment was given at the Academy of Music, which seems to have already become the favorite place for the better class of public exhibitions, lectures, concerts and opera. For the entertainment offered by the Polytechnics, the Academy was peculiarly well fitted; and, although the day and evening were unpropitious, the friends of the pupils and of education gathered there in such numbers as would gladden the heart of GRAU, or even ULLMARS, on an opera night under their management, in the most favorable weather. There was not a vacant seat in the house and several hundred of the spectators were obliged to stand during the entire performances. The pupils, to the number of two hundred, or perhaps a trifle more than that, were seated in rows upon the stage, filled it from the rear to near the front as they could be and leave sufficient room for the principal performers. The entertainment was commenced with a Choral-Claude, Gouchmet, A. D. 1572, which was followed by an original prologue, spoken, and well spoken, by A. C. DANIELS. The first declamation—"National and State Allegiance,"—spoken by Wm. M. LAWRENCE, was excellent in sentiment and composition, and was admirably delivered by WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE. He was enthusiastically applauded, and richly deserved all the applause he received. A comic recitation—"Here she goes, and there she goes," was recited by FRANKLIN C. EATON, who well given, and caused a great deal of amusement. "The Quack Doctor,"—a comic song with a chorus, was sung in character by a little boy named FRANK W. HOWARD, who, we opine, must have some very near relation to the patent medicine business and visits him often, for we cannot imagine any other way in which one so young could have had the opportunity to study the peculiarities of that very peculiar class, to the extent sufficient to render his assumed character with so much truthfulness to the original Jacobs. If that boy ever takes to the pill business, we feel sure that his patients find "ready relief" in a good hearty laugh. When Master HOWARD had retired, carrying with him his enormous spectacles and cane, and the audience had become somewhat composed, the class in Calisthenics, under Mr. A. C. BURNHAM, came upon the stage, and the boys acquitted themselves in a manner which reflected credit alike upon teacher and pupils. The hymn, sung by the pupils, commencing, "The Lord my Pasture shall Prepare," was given with appropriate effect. After it came "Damon and Pythias," which, under the circumstances, ought not to be criticised. The audience was pleased, and that was all that could be reasonably expected. Nevertheless, we owe it a duty to the greatest living tragedian to state that, with the aid of an excellent stock company, he thinks he could do it a little better. A composition in memory of the late General SILL, who was once a teacher of mathematics in the institution, was feelingly rendered by NELSON G. CARMAN, Jr., as was also the dirge, by the pupils, "Mother, it's Growing Dark," rendered by E. D. BRENNAN, and the "Address at Camp Jo. Holt," by H. N. BAKER, were both creditable performances; and so was the chorus "Children of the Union," sung by the pupils. A comical little play, entitled "Fish Out of Water," was among the most amusing features of the evening. The character of *Sam George*, a [illegible] by Master GEORGE [illegible], was really a very fine piece of acting. That boy GEORGE ought to be heard often. We are very much afraid that he is not regular in his attendance at the Institute, rather fearing he is an extensive culinary department there, as one in the regular course of events—and if there is, he should have his diploma immediately. If he is ever lost just before dinner, we say to his affianced parents, look for him below—you will be sure to find him in earnest conversation with the Queen or King of the Kitchen.

The entertainment closed with "Vive l'Amerique," and, notwithstanding the storm, which was at its height when the audience separated, there was no one who regretted having ventured in order to be present. Under the management of Prof. RAYMOND, the Institute is gaining in favor every year, and is now one among the few best educational establishments in the city.

Heavy Snow-Storm in Pennsylvania.

AURORA, PENN., Thursday, Feb. 5.

The heaviest snow-storm for several years fell on the mountains to-day. It has drifted so on the railroad track as to hinder the passage of trains, and twelve trains were stuck in the snow near Gallitzen at 10 o'clock to-night.

NEW-YORK SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES.

THE NEW-YORK SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES is published THIS MORNING, and may be had at the counter of the publication office in wrappers ready for mailing. In addition to the latest intelligence by telegraph up to the moment of going to press, there will be found in the current number full details of all military movements in the different departments from the pens of our special correspondents. Also, all official orders, reports and documents, and the latest and fullest Washington news. European news, with graphic letters from our correspondents in London and Paris, giving the tone of public feeling abroad, is made a special and permanent feature. In addition to Editorials on all the current topics of the day, the SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES has a page of carefully prepared commercial matter, giving the latest financial news and market reports; items of agricultural and domestic interest, compiled from sources many of which are otherwise inaccessible to the American reader; and marriages and deaths of the week.

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BURKE—HEYDUCK.—In this City, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at St. George's Church, by Rev. Dr. Tyng, DAVID H. BURKE, of Hamburg, Germany, and MATHILDE F., daughter of Dr. Charles Heyduck, of this city.

KELLY—HOOCK.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the residence of Lewis Ballard, by the Rev. J. N. Murdock, D. D., of Boston, THOMAS KELLY, of Canada West, to EVA M. HOOCK, of Brooklyn.

LE ROY—MAY.—In this City, on Monday, Feb. 2, at the Church of the Ascension, by Rev. C. D. Jackson, D. D., rector of St. Peter's Church, Westchester, HERMAN C. LEROY and Mrs. ELIZABETH A. MAY, daughter of the late John J. Palmer.

MCCOBB—WHYTE.—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, by Rev. Jared B. Flagg, at the residence of the bride's father, J. FRANKLIN MCCOBB and LOUISA S., only daughter of John J. White, Esq.

TREADWAY—HEATON.—In Stockbridge, Mass., on Tuesday, Feb. 3, by Rev. Dr. S. S. Parker, W. D. TREADWAY, of New-York, and HANNAH HEATON, of the former place. No cards.

DIED.

BENEDICT.—In Union Township, N. J., on Wednesday, Feb. 4, Maj. JOSEPH BENEDICT, in the 76th year of his age.

The funeral services will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Millburn, on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 2 o'clock P. M. A train leaves New-York at 11½ o'clock, on the Morris and Essex Railroad, and returns at 3½ P. M. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

BROWN.—In Elizabeth, N. J., on Tuesday, Feb. 3, RACHEL C. BROWN, widow of late Brittain M. Brown, aged 64 years.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the residence of her brother, Robert Cornley, No. 101 East 30th-st., on Friday, Feb. 6, at 2 o'clock P. M.

CURRY.—In this City, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 4, at his residence, No. 46 West 30th-st., after lingering illness, RODNEY CURRY, in the 63d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at Zion Church, corner of Mulberry and Bayard-sts., on Friday, Feb. 6, at 12½ o'clock P. M., without further notice.

EMMERY.—In Astoria, L. I., on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the residence of his father, Thomas A. Emmett, RICHARD HILTON EMMERY, in the 21st year of his age.

Deceased was Private in Company I, 40th New-York Six Volunteers, and All-de-camp to General Meagher. He left the camp near Fredericksburgh a few weeks ago, sick of bilious remittent fever, of which he died. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from St. George's Church, Astoria, on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 2½ o'clock P. M. His remains will be taken from the Church to the Marble Cemetery, in 2d-st., New-York.

FIELD.—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, MARIA LOUISA FIELD, second daughter of the late Joseph H. Field.

The relatives, her friends and friends of the family, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 2½ o'clock P. M., from No. 412 Henry-st.

GARDINER.—In this City, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, MRS. ELLEN GARDINER, relict of the late James Gardiner.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 172 2d-st., on Friday morning, Feb. 6, at 10 o'clock. Her remains will be interred in 11th-st. Cemetery.

☞ California papers please copy.

HOWELL.—In Jersey City, on Thursday, Feb. 5, WILLIS MAXWELL, only son of Julius S. and Mary D. Howell, aged 11 years, 8 months and 6 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Saturday morning, Feb. 7, at 11 o'clock, from the residence of his parents, No. 168 York-st., Jersey City, without further invitation.

HOBART.—In Leicester, Mass., on Tuesday, Feb. 3, MRS. CHARLOTTE SEGAR, relict of the late John Hobart, in the 86th year of her age.

Funeral services on Sunday next, Feb. 8, at the Church.

HARRISON.—In this City, on Thursday, Feb. 5, ROBERT OWEN, only son of George H. and Sarah L. Harrison.

Notice of funeral will be published in papers of Saturday.

JOHNSON.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, of capillary bronchitis, CARRIE WYNKOOP, youngest child of Theodore T. and Esther A. Johnson, aged 2 years and 10 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, on Friday, Feb. 6, at 12 o'clock, from the residence of her grandfather, James Lee, No. 78 West 11th-st., without further notice.

KENNY.—In Millington, N. J., on Sunday, Feb. 1, of consumption, MILLIE C., daughter of Lucius Biglow, Esq., and wife of Reuben G. Kenny.

Her remains were interred in Greenwood.

MESSER.—In this City, yesterday afternoon, WILLARD MESSER, formerly of Boston, in the 40th year of his age.

The funeral services will be observed in the North Reformed Dutch Church, corner of William and Fulton sts., to-day, Feb. 6, at 3 o'clock P. M.

MEYGALE.—In Tremont, Westchester County, N. Y., on Thursday, Feb. 4, JOHN C. MEYGALE, aged 63 years.

The relatives and friends of the family, also the members of Pilgrim Lodge No. 213, I. O. of O. F., are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Friday, Feb. 6, at 3 o'clock A. M., from his late residence, Madison-av., between Mott and Fifth-sts., Tremont. Cars leave 26th-st. at 2½ o'clock A. M. His remains will be taken to Jamaica, L. I., for interment. Services at the Chapel in the Cemetery, at 2½ o'clock P. M. [illegible] Forty for [illegible] Feb. 4, Rev. [illegible] Tuesday, Feb. 4, Rev. [illegible]

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GREENE.—In this City, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, [illegible] LOUISA, Mary Ann, wife of Francis Morris Greene, and second daughter of the late George A. Bate.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, without further notice, on Mr. Bar[illegible] Church, corner of Lafayette-place and Great Jones-st., on Friday, Feb. 6, at 12 o'clock precisely.

HAY.—In this City, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, after a Consumption of Robert Hay, in the 24th year of his age.

The funeral services will be held in the Church of the Holy Apostles, corner of 9th-av. and 28th-st., at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. The relatives and friends of the family are requested to attend, without further invitation.

SHAW.—In this City, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 3, from injuries received at the late fire in Cherry-st., JAMES SHAW, late a member of Lafayette Engine Company No. 15.

The funeral will take place from St. Stephen's Church, corner of Broome and Christie sts., on Friday, Feb. 6, at 1 o'clock P. M. The officers and members of the Fire Department, of Lafayette Lodge No. 238, F. and A. M., also the Detective Police, the Department in general, and the relatives and friends, are respectfully invited to attend.

☞ Newark, N. J., and New-Haven papers please copy.

SHAW.—In this City, on Thursday morning, Feb. 5, at her residence, No. 206 Hicks-st., CATHERINE, MARY, widow of the late James Shaw, in the 76th year of her age.

The funeral will take place at the Baptist Church, at Tarrytown, on Saturday, Feb. 7.

VANDERBILT.—In this City, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, MARY, widow of Entzed Vanderbilt, aged 89 years.

The relatives and friends, and those of her son, George R. Vanderbilt, also the members of Ladies' Association with which she was connected, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the Fifth-st. M. E. Church, on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 2 o'clock P. M.

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Gen. Milroy vs. The Guerrillas Imbeden.

AN INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.

From the Wheeling Intelligencer, Jan. 31.

Some correspondence that late y took place between the rebel Col. Imboden and Gen. MILROY was received yesterday at the Executive Department, accompanied by a letter from Governor TAYLOR, of Harbour County, addressed by him to Gen. MILROY. It appears that two rebels named HENRY WILSON and HENRY BOWMAN were recently murdered in Harbour County. Imboden further understands that three citizens of Harbour County have been carried in fetters to Staunton, Va., and are to be executed in retaliation. If Imboden's name is not released within that time, Imboden informs Gen. Milroy that he will not release TAYLOR, and if the fifteen prisoners are executed, Imboden will execute thirty. Unless Gilmore and Kenney now in his possession, Imboden says he is "resolved that within the limits of the pretended State of West Virginia, he will at all times treat as dangerous enemies to his State, every man he can lay his hands upon who holds any office under the usurped State Government at Wheeling." He says further, that when he communicates for certain Joel Wilson and Kenney have been released with cause to be executed Lieut. Davenson, of the Fifth Virginia Cavalry, and Sergt. Atkinson, of the same regiment, now in his possession.

Gen. MILROY replies to these threats that he is not in command of any troops in West Virginia, and knows of nobody who has been murdered except in battle. Gen. MILROY adds: Persons that the number of rebels in his possession is much greater than the number of Union men in Imboden's, and that he must not presume so far upon the forbearance and superior humanity of the Federal Government as to put his threat of executing DAWSON and ATKINSON into execution. Gen. MILROY hopes that Imboden will not compel him to the painful alternative which the execution of his threat will render inevitable. Gen. MILROY says in conclusion:

"I notice that the Confederate Government is about to offer $100,000 for my head. Did you not better come down to Winchester and get him the speculation?"

WILSON and BOWMAN, the rebels alluded to in the correspondence, were killed under the following circumstances: The morning after Sheriff TAYLOR was kidnapped by the rebels, a part of a company of Union soldiers started in pursuit, and overtaking BOWMAN and WILSON upon the road, near the house of the latter, commanded them to halt; instead of halting, they hurried on, and were fired upon and killed.

Gen. Butler in Washington.

From the National Republican, Feb. 4.

Maj.-Gen. BUTLER visited Congress yesterday, and was warmly greeted by Senators and Representatives. It is not yet determined to what Department he will be assigned, although it is most likely that he will go back to New-Orleans. There is a strong influence exerting to place Gen. BUTLER at the head of the War Department of the Army.

Gen. BUTLER was also before the Committee on the Conduct of the War, yesterday. His testimony exhibited a masterly knowledge of military details in every department in the country, as well as the condition of Southern harbors, rivers, bays, and the condition of the rebels for defence. The General's programme for conducting the war is one that would soon humble each of the rebels as would not be exterminated, and would bring about a speedy and nearly peace by every fireside in the land.

We are glad to know that the President appreciates the value of Gen. BUTLER's opinions, as well as his past services, and we hope that he will not allow timid counselors to deter him from employing the most efficient means to suppress the rebellion.

While on the subject of Gen. BUTLER, we would state that we learn that he has charged himself, in his account with the War Department, with the money received by him from military assessments, confiscations of rebel property, and fines of rebels at New-Orleans. This is administering the affairs of a Department to some purpose.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Feb. 5, 1863—6 P. M.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce, since our last, are as follows: 41 bbls. Ashes, 12,000 bbls. Flour, 9 bbls. and 407 bags Corn Meal, 418 bushels Wheat, 2,473 bushels Rye, 245 bushels Barley, 7,400 bushels Oats, 600 bush. Malt, 4,710 pkgs. Provisions, and 600 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Sales to-day, 60 bbls. at $6 62½ for Pots and $8 75 for Pearls, per 100 lbs.

COFFEE—The usual inquiry has been for St. Domingo, for which the demand for export, here and elsewhere, is quite active. Light sales of other kinds were effected at former prices.

COTTON—Sales have been purchased to the extent of 3,000 bales, in part, at the close, for Middlings, 31 c.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been quite active, and prices of the latter have tended to purchase freely, but prices have been maintained. The reported sales since our last comprise 8,600 bbls., including Superfine State and Western at 5 70@$5 75; choice to choice extra State at $5 80@$6; extra Ohio, round hoop, at $5 80@$6; extra Ohio, flaring bands, at $5 75@$7 25; extra Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, etc. 5 70@ 6 00; extra Ohio, round hoop, shipping brands 5 75@ 6 00; extra Ohio, trade brands 6 00@ 7 25; extra Genesee 6 00@ 7 25; extra Western Reserve 6 00@ 6 50; Southern Flour is inactive at former rates; sales of 1,100 bbls. at $7 70@$8 10 for poor to good superfine Baltimore, &c.; $8 75@$9 50 for fancy to choice family, and $6 00@$10 75 for very superior family brands. Canadian Flour is quiet, yet steady; sales 750 bbls. Extra at $5 50@$6 50 per bbl. Rye Flour is in moderate demand, at $5 00@$5 50 for fine and extra. Corn Meal continues in fair request, and $4 00@$4 25 for Jersey and Brandywine, and $4 00@$4 25 for Western and Brandywine.

GRAIN—Wheat has been in very moderate request, and prices have ruled somewhat lower. Sales include about 50,000 bushels, including Chicago Spring, at $1 05@$1 07; Amber Western, at $1 08@$1 10; Amber Western, at $1 15@$1 18; Amber Western, (Winter,) at $1 05@$1 12; Amber Iowa, at $1 05@$1 12; prime to choice extra State at $1 20@$1 25; prime to choice extra Western at $1 20@$1 25; prime to choice extra Ohio, at $1 20@$1 25; Milwaukee Club, at $1 00@$1 03; Canadian Spring at $1 00@$1 12; Rye quiet, but there has been no limited demand, at former rates; Corn has been in limited demand, at former rates, since our last, 33,000 bushels, at 94c.@95c. for ordinary Mixed Western; 91c.@94c. for Western, do.; 95c.@96c. for Unsound, ⅌ bushel. Rye is quiet, at $1 05@$1 12, according to quality, ⅌ bushel. Oats are in good request, including Canadian, at 70c.@72c.; Western, at 70c.@72c.; State, at 71c.@73c., ⅌ bushel. Barley continues in demand, at $1 45@$1 60 ⅌ bushel. Sales 1,400 bushels. Sales were also made of 1,800 bushels Barley Malt, at $1 40 ⅌ bushel.

HAY—North River is in fair request and in stock, at 85c.@$1 ⅌ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Are in good demand, at buoyant prices, including new at 15c.@20c. ⅌ lb.

IRON—Stands for the time in fair demand at full prices ⅌ ton. Nothing new in other kinds.

LATHS—Have been quiet at former rates.

LIME—Is in moderate request and inactive.

MOLASSES—Cuba has been in fair request for Cuba, and New Orleans at 50c. ⅌ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Are held above the views of buyers and have been quiet.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been less active to-day, and rather lower firm. Sales, since our last, 1,300 bbls. at $14 87½@$15 for old Mess; $16 75 for new Mess, for future delivery, and $11 00@$13 75 for Prime ⅌ bbl. Cut Meats are in moderate request at 7½c.@8c. for Hams, and 5½c.@6½c. for Shoulders, ⅌ lb. Bacon is less sought after, at 7½c.@8½c. ⅌ lb.; sales, 1,000 boxes. Lard is in fair demand and in scarcity; sales 2,000 tcs. and bbls., at 10½c.@11½c. ⅌ lb. Beef continues unsalable; sales since our last, 300 bbls., at $10@$13 75 for Extra Prime, and $14 50@$15 for Extra Mess. Beef Hams are in fair request; sales 100 bbls. at $24 50@$25 ⅌ tierce. India Mess, $24@$26 ⅌ tierce. Prime Mess, $24 50@$25 50 ⅌ bbl.; sales 150 bbls. Butter is in fair demand at 17c.@22c. for poor to choice State, and 22c.@27c. for common to very choice State. ⅌ lb. Cheese is in lively request at 10c.@14c. ⅌ lb.

RICE—Sales of small lots of East India were made at $7 87½@$8 ⅌ 100 lbs.

SEEDS—A fair inquiry prevails for Clover at full rates. Other kinds are quiet.

SUGARS—Sales 254 hhds. chiefly New-Orleans, at 11½c.@11¾c. ⅌ lb.

TALLOW—Sales 319,000 lbs. at 11½c.@12c. ⅌ lb.

WHISKY—Sales to-day 1,000 bbls. at 46c.@48c., as to quality.

FREIGHTS—Engagements continue to be effected to-day at steady rates. For Liverpool, 500 bbls. Flour at 3s. ⅌ bbl.; 25,000 bush. Grain at 4d.@4½d. ⅌ bush.; 100 tcs. Beef at 4s. ⅌ tierce; 1,200 pkgs. Bacon and Lard at 25s.@26s. 6d. by sailing vessel, and 30s. by steamer, and 100 bbls. Tallow at 16s. ⅌ ton. For London, 1,000 bbls. Flour at 2s. 3d.@2s. 10½d. ⅌ bbl. For Glasgow, 300 tcs. Lard at 30s. ⅌ ton.

Movements of European Steamers.

FROM AMERICA.

Edinburgh	Jan. 9	New-York	Liverpool.
Norwegian	Jan. 17	Portland	Liverpool.
Kedar	Jan. 17	New-York	Southampton.
Australasian	Jan. 21	New-York	Liverpool.
City of Manchester	Jan. 24	New-York	Liverpool.
Europa	Jan. 24	New-York	Southampton.
Canada	Jan. 24	Boston	Liverpool.
Arabia	Jan. 31	New-York	Liverpool.
Persia	Jan. 31	New-York	Southampton.
Asia	Feb. 7	New-York	Liverpool.
Canada	Feb. 10	New-York	Liverpool.
Africa	Mar. 4	Boston	Liverpool.
Olympus	Mar. 11	New-York	Liverpool.

FROM EUROPE.

City of Manchester	Jan. 21	Liverpool	New-York.
Kedar	Jan. 21	Southampton	New-York.
Australasian	Jan. 22	Liverpool	Portland.
Europa	Jan. 24	Liverpool	Boston.
Canada	Jan. 24	Southampton	New-York.
Arabia	Jan. 31	Liverpool	New-York.
Anglo-Saxon	Jan. 31	Liverpool	Portland.
Asia	Jan. 31	Liverpool	New-York.
City of Washington	Feb. 4	Liverpool	New-York.
Persia	Feb. 11	Southampton	New-York.
Canada	Feb. 25	Southampton	New-York.
Kedar	Mar. 11	Southampton	New-York.

Steamers for the Southern Coast.

For Newbern and Fort Royal, Steamer Augusta Dinsmore, Feb. 7.
For New-Orleans, Steamer Columbia, Feb. 12.

Departure of European Mails.

The mails for Europe by the steamships Persia and Edinburgh, will close at the New-York Post-office to-

Departures of Domestic Mails.

North Mails close at ... P. M. and 2 P. M.
South Mails close at ... P. M. and 2 P. M.
Western Mails (via Erie Railroad) close at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.
Eastern Mails at 8 A. M., 1:45 P. M., 2 P. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Mails for California, Oregon, Washington and the Sandwich Islands close daily at the New-York Post-office at 5 A. M. and 2½ P. M.
For hours of Mails closing at branch offices see P. 12.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER, OR GENERAL HOUSEMAID.—A respectable young woman, with excellent references, desires a situation in City or country; will be found a great cook and baker, first-class washer and ironer, and perfectly willing to be generally useful. Apply at No. 370 6th-av., first floor, front room.

AS COOK, &c.—WANTED, BY A RESPECTABLE Protestant girl, a situation as cook, and to assist in the washing and ironing if required; also is an excellent baker, and has the best City references. Can be seen for two days, at No. 126 26th-st., between 6th and 7th ave., in the rear.

AS COOK.—WANTED, BY A COMPETENT, TIDY woman, a situation as cook, in all its branches; understands roast, pastry, baking and pastry, game and fancy dishes; does the coarse washing. No objection to a respectable boarding-house; wages $8 to $10. Call or address No. 128 East 32d-st., for two days.

AS COOK.—A FIRST-CLASS FRENCH COOK, who understands French and German cooking in all their branches, wants a situation in a private family; best of City references given. Call for two days at No. 61 9th-av., second floor, front room.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—Wanted, a situation by a respectable young girl to cook, wash and iron in a private family. The best of City reference given. Call for two days at No. 232 West 15th-st., New-York.

AS COOK.—A RESPECTABLE PROTESTANT woman wants a situation as first-class cook; understands cooking in all its branches; no objection to the country; best of City reference given. Call for two days at No. 61 6th-av., second floor, front room.

AS COOK.—WANTED, BY A COMPETENT ENGlish cook, a situation in a private family; she thoroughly understands all kinds of cooking and bread making; can produce the best of City recommendations. Can be seen, for two days, at No. 32 West 22d-st.

AS COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—A young woman wants a situation as cook and is an excellent washer and ironer, and understands pastry. Has the best City references to her last place. Call at No. 406 2d-av., between 24th and 25th sts.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—A YOUNG WOman wishes a situation as chambermaid and waiting-maid, or chambermaid and to do fine washing or sewing; the best of City reference can be given from her last place. Call at No. 109 West 25th-st., between 6th and 7th ave., second floor, for two days.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—WANTED BY A respectable woman a situation as chambermaid; will assist with the washing and ironing; 4 years' city experience from her last place. Call for two days at No. 56 West 11th-st. between 5th and 6th ave., 2d floor, front room.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—A SITUATION wanted by a respectable Protestant girl as chambermaid and to assist in the washing and ironing. Can be seen at No. 69 West 18th-st., corner of 6th-av., third floor, front.

AS CHAMBERMAID AND SEAMSTRESS.—Wanted a Protestant woman in the above capacity; she must be well recommended; the best of City reference given. Address JAMES, Box No. 303 Times Office.

AS CHAMBERMAID, &c.—WANTED, A SITuation by a young German girl as chambermaid or for general housework; best references can be given. Apply at Mrs. Slotter's, No. 112 4th-st., third floor.

AS NURSE.—A YOUNG WOMAN WISHES A situation as nurse, who fully understands the care of children, or would be willing to assist with the washing and ironing, or to do light chamberwork; is willing and obliging; a good home more of an object than wages; has the best of City reference. Call, or address No. 307 East 26th-st., between 2d and 3d ave.

AS NURSE, &c.—A COMPETENT YOUNG WOman wants a place as child's nurse; would assist with chamberwork and sewing; has best of City reference. Call for two days at No. 13 Union Court, University-place, between 10th and 11th-sts.

AS NURSE, &c.—WANTED, BY A PROTESTant American young woman, a situation to take care of children, and if desired, can do light work; is quiet and willing; is a good nurse; has no fault; will be found so; has the best of City references; the only place she has left was on account of her health. Call at 203 East 12th-st., for two days.

AS NURSE AND SEAMSTRESS.—SITUATION wanted by a young woman in the above capacity. Good City references. Call at 203 East 12th-st., for two days.

AS NURSE.—WANTED, BY A RESPECTABLE English woman, a situation as monthly nurse, or by the week. Terms moderate. Call or address A. B., No. 204 East 16th-st. Good references.

AS LAUNDRESS.—A FIRST-CLASS LAUNdress wishes a situation in a small private family; she is thoroughly competent; understands French Starch, and can do up laces nicely in the best manner. Can very best of City references from her last place. Call at No. 146 West 16th-st., on Friday and Saturday.

AS FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRESS.—WANTED, by a competent young woman, a situation as first-class laundress in a respectable private family; has two and a half years' references from her last place. Call for two days, at No. 61 3d-st.-av., second floor, front room.

A WAITRESS.—A RESPECTABLE PROTESTant young woman wants a situation in a good private family as waitress; is competent to take charge of every article in her line of work; has lived eight years in one place, and two years in her last; always has the best references. Call, by mail for two days at 138 East 13th-st.

A FIRST-CLASS WAITRESS OR CHAMBERMAID AND WAITRESS.—Wanted, a situation in a private family; is quick, active and willing; has no fault; will be found so; has the best of City reference. Call for two days, second floor, front room.

SALES.

AS BOOK-KEEPER.—SITUATION WANTED by an experienced book-keeper, who can furnish the best of references; testimonials to competency and reputation. Address BOOK-KEEPER, Box No. 127 Times Office.

AS FIREMAN, &c.—WANTED, BY A RESpectable man, a situation as fireman in a hotel or boarding-house, or as porter; will make himself generally useful; has two years' experience. Address G. W., Box 63 Herald-st., second floor.

AS COACHMAN.—WANTED, A SITUATION, IN a private family, as coachman; has two years' references from his last place; has no objection to the country; would like to make himself generally useful. Address or call at No. 16 East 13th-st., basement door; or W. E., Box No. 204 Times Office.

AS COACHMAN.—SITUATION WANTED, BY A sober and steady man, as coachman and to attend to a garden, or to take charge of a country seat in the neighborhood of the City; he can refer to previous employers as to capability, &c. Address E. M., Box No. 192 Times Office.

AS COACHMAN.—WANTED, A SITUATION IN the country, by a respectable young man as coachman; is of good habits, and perfectly understands his business; would assist in garden. Best of reference given. Address JAMES, Box No. 303 Times Office.

AS COACHMAN.—A SITUATION WANTED BY a young English man, who thoroughly understands his business, and has good City reference. Address R. D., Box No. 244 Times Office.

AS PORTER.—WANTED, A SITUATION, BY A young man as porter; would have no objection to go to the country; understands the care of horses and coaches; is not afraid of work; has the best of recommendations from his last employers; is a sober, honest, and faithful young man; wages moderate. Address E. D., Box No. 136 Times Office, for two days.

WANTED—BY A RELIABLE PERSON OF ability and experience, over middle age, a situation in a stock and exchange broker's office, or would attend to a correspondence or adjust long accounts; is a good penman, and accountant, and requires a moderate compensation for a short or long period. Address MERCHANT, Box No. 1,516 Post-office.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A COMPETENT and experienced accountant. Address M., Box No. 146 Times Office.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED.

Edge-tool makers, forgers, grinders and polishers on light axes for army use. Apply to
C. HAMMOND & SON,
No. 925 Commerce-st., Philadelphia.

A COACHMAN.—A SINGLE MAN, WHO thoroughly understands his business, is willing to make himself generally useful, and can give satisfactory references, is wanted in Orange, New-Jersey. Apply at the bookstore of MASON BROTHERS, Nos. 5 and 7 Mercer-st.

A SALESMAN.—WANTED, IN A CLOTH JOBbing house, two first-rate salesmen, acquainted with the business. Address, stating amount of salary required and reference, B., Box No. 1,161, Post-office.

A COOK, WASHER AND IRONER.—Wanted, a Protestant young woman to cook, wash and iron; one who understands her business will be paid good wages. Apply for two days in the dry goods store, No. 274 Bowery.

A COOK.—WANTED, IMMEDIATELY, FOR A private family, a first-class cook; she must have good testimonials, and be willing to go a short distance in the country. Apply at C. C. BEDELLS, No. 307 4th-av. Protestant preferred.

WANTED—A GIRL WHO IS A GOOD WASHER, ironer and cook, and who is willing to make herself useful in a family of man and wife. Address Box No. 5,626 New-York Post-office.

A WET NURSE.—WET NURSE WANTED WITH a fresh breast of milk. Apply at No. 176 5th-av.

$75 A MONTH!—I WANT TO HIRE AGENTS in every county, at $75 a month, expenses paid, to sell my new cheap Family Sewing-Machines. Address S. MADISON, Alfred, Maine.

$60 A MONTH!—WE WANT AGENTS, AT $60 a month, expenses paid, to sell our Everlasting Pencils, Oriental Burners, and 15 other articles. 15 circulars free. Address SHAW & CLARK, Biddeford, Me.

SOMETHING NEW FOR LADIES TO DO.—Will pay splendidly. Address, inclosing postage-stamp, Post-office Box No. 765.

HELP WANTED.

A DRUGGIST AND APOTHECARY WANTED.—A young man, of good address and habits, and thoroughly versed in the business, and have a knowledge of the business, and have a knowledge of the business, and have a knowledge of

PUBLIC NOTICES.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.
No. 1 of May Term, 1862.
Sovereign of the IN REQUITY.
The Pennsylvania Coal Company, vs. Delaware and Hudson Canal Company et al.
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H. SPROUL, Clerk.

THE COMMITTEE ON SEWERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN will meet every Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the City Hall, to hear applications for laying branches.
TAYLER,
IRA A. ALLEN,
G. A. JEREMIAH,
Committee on Sewers.

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every Friday at 2 o'clock, in the City Hall, to hear applications for laying hose.
WM. H. VALE,
Committee on Fire Department.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm of FURMAN & CO., is this day dissolved by limitation.
JOHN M. FURMAN,
HENRY V. REEVE.
New-York, Feb. 6, 1863.

The undersigned hereby destroy of forming a limited partnership, for the transaction of the business heretofore specified, within this State, upon the terms, with the powers and subject to the conditions and liabilities prescribed by the laws of the State of New-York, to wit:
First—That the name or firm under which such partnership is to be conducted, is "LOWDER, OSTROM & CO."
Second—That the general nature of the business intended to be transacted is the distilling and rectifying business and the buying and selling of all kinds of merchandise.
Third—That the names of all the general and special partners, viz: John F. Furman, who resides in the Town and County of Westchester, City of New-York; Edward J. Lowder, James A. Ostrom, and Edward Fabre, City of New-York; Henry V. Reeve, City of New-York, and Henry V. Reeve, jun., of the City of Brooklyn, County of Kings, and State of New-York, are the general partners, and are contributed to the firm the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in cash, and the said partners are contributed to said firm the sum of [illegible] dollars in cash.
Fifth—The said partnership is to commence on the 1st day of February, 1863, and will terminate on the 1st day of January, 1865.
EDWARD J. LOWDER,
JAMES A. OSTROM,
WILLIAM FABRE,
HENRY V. REEVE,
JOHN M. FURMAN.

THE FIRM OF FIRTH, POND & CO. IS this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be settled by the undersigned, who are authorized by the firm to receive payment of the debts due to the firm, and to pay the debts of the late firm. All persons having claims against the firm will be paid at the office of WILLIAM A. POND & CO., No. 547 Broadway, where the business will be continued.
JOHN FIRTH,
JOHN MAYELL,
WILLIAM A. POND.
New-York, Jan. 31, 1863.

In continuing with the above copartnership, the undersigned, who will be partners in the late firm, take pleasure in stating that they have obtained the services of Mr. JOHN MAYELL, who has been connected with the late firm for a long period, and who will be found at the old place of business, ready to attend to the wants of the old customers of the firm.
WILLIAM A. POND,
JOHN MAYELL.
New-York, Jan. 31, 1863.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, under the firm of W. H. YOUNG & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be settled by the undersigned, who are authorized to receive payment of the debts due to the firm, and to pay the debts of the firm. The business will be continued by the undersigned, under the same style of firm.
W. H. YOUNG,
JOHN H. SIEGRIST,
EZRA Y. COMSTOCK.
New-York, Jan. 1, 1863.

NOTICE.—THEODORE SCHULTZ IS ADMITTED a partner in our firm from this date.
YOUNG, SCHULTZ & CO.
New-York, Feb. 1, 1863.

MR. THOS. B. HIDDEN AND MR. LEONARD RICHARDSON have an interest in our firm.
New-York, Feb. 3, 1863.
RAYNOLDS, DEVOE & PRATT.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.
In the matter of the application of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in the name and on behalf of the City of New-York, for the opening and laying out of a public park, to be known as the Central Park, to be bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the intersection of the northerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth-st. with the westerly line of the Kingsbridge road, and running thence southerly along said westerly line of said road to the southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-fourth-st., thence westerly along said southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-fourth-st. to the westerly line of the property belonging to the heirs of Jacob Harlem, deceased, thence northerly along said last mentioned line to the southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth-st., thence easterly along said southerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth-st. to the westerly line of said road, containing and restraining the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, for the purpose of opening, laying out, and establishing a public park, and for such other purposes as may further contemplated by the act of the Legislature of the State of New-York, entitled "An act to provide for the improvement of the City of New-York," passed April 17, 1860, and the acts supplemental thereto, and for the purpose of condemning the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, and the fee and title thereof, and all the estate, right, title, and interest of the owners thereof, and of all persons and parties interested therein, to be taken for the use of the City of New-York, and for the purpose of ascertaining the compensation to be made therefor, and for the purpose of ascertaining and determining the damages to be sustained by the owners and parties interested in said lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, by reason of the taking thereof, and for the purpose of assessing the benefits and advantages to the said owners and parties interest in said lands, tenements, hereditaments, and premises, by reason of the opening, laying out, and establishing said park, and for the purpose of ascertaining and determining the amount of said benefits and advantages, and for the purpose of ascertaining and determining the amount of said benefits and advantages, and for the purpose of ascertaining and determining the amount of said benefits and advantages

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

Excitement Regarding the Appointments of the Canal Board.

The Charges of Corruption Against Speaker Callicot.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 5, 1863.

I have purposely refrained from making any allusion to the rumors that have prevailed for the last few days concerning the intended action of Secretary of State BALLARD, and State Treasurer LAWS, with reference to the appointments proceeding from the Canal Board. These appointments have been announced, and, notwithstanding the Democrats proper lack two of a majority on the Board, it is said that about one-half of the appointees are Democrats, and the other half, with an occasional exception, what are denominated conservative Republicans.

It is alleged that Mr. LAWS went into the Democratic caucus, while Mr. BALLARD gave out in advance that he would agree to the division; but that *the appointees must all be "conservatives"* as contradistinguished from "radicals."

Messrs. BALLARD and LAWS having been elected as Water-Republicans, their action and this result, as may be supposed, *have occasioned* no little surprise, and the use of no inconsiderable amount of expressive Saxon *to indicate the feeling of* disappointment on the one side and of satisfaction on the other.

If I am to believe half of what I hear said, this is the farthest possible from an accident, and has a significance extending a long way beyond the immediate question of canal patronage. When something unusual or unexpected takes place there are always enough ready to explain the reasons and predict the consequences. How nearly right they are, every one must judge for himself. Here at Albany, whenever anything of the kind of a political character takes place, it is fashionable to attribute a great deal to THURLOW WEED; and, though tolerably familiar with such matters in past years, I have never known that gentleman to be the recipient of so liberal a bestowment of this sort as on the present occasion.

There are those who pretend to see clearly through the business. Their powers of vision and sagacity to detect the meaning of things, discover to them in the distance—and at no very great distance, either—a new party forming already part of the nebula, and in the actually crystallized state, composed of equal parts, Democrat and Republican—the whole being essentially conservative.

How much true philosophy or prophecy there is in all this, I do not pretend to decide; and I should not record this much, but for the fact that to pretend to play the part of observer at the Capitol, and still omit this, would be a strong resemblance to what is meant when we speak of the play of Hamlet with Hamlet omitted.

This view of the case is forthed by those who take it, by reference to a thousand or less things. They say that as much was proclaimed when Mr. WEED retired from the *Evening Journal*,—that it is not at all inconsistent with the state of things generally in the country; that men are taking their places anew—at least some are—and that they are taking as many along with them as possible, and using all the means in their power to strengthen themselves in their new positions.

This state of things—so speculation goes—relates as much to the Democratic as the Republican party; and it is perhaps worth while to mention that disintegration and reconstruction are as much talked about among Democrats as among Republicans—all of a certain sort. Indeed, a new party, conservative and national in its character, is the subject of conversation nearly as much as though such a thing actually existed.

It is easy to set up claims to men and results. Hence it is not strange that the election of Gov. MORGAN to the United States Senate should be reckoned among the first fruits of the new era—to be sure, not achieved within the new circle, but it might have been; and to this end it is now said, that had not the Republican caucus nominated him, and had not his election been secured as it was, it would have been by a union of Democratic Senators and members, with a sufficient number of Republicans who were ready to play that part.

But it is unnecessary to pursue in particulars the theory or the facts, as the case may be, prevalent on this subject. I have given the accepted outlines. For the rest, to wait and see were better than to run the hazard of Indian conceal in a labyrinth of gossip and speculation.

The concurrent resolutions in the Assembly this morning, announcing the death of Senator WILLARD, drew forth highly appropriate and eloquent eulogies from Messrs. Brocket, Houghton, Moulton, McGhee, Redington, Havens, Haring and Poet.

The special order to-day in the Assembly was the resolutions of Mr. T. C. FIELDS, charging corruption against Speaker CALLICOT and proposing investigation, when Mr. CORNELL, of Tompkins, was chosen Speaker *pro tem.*

The debate which ensued, though relating little to the question before the House, was particularly rich. Mr. T. C. FIELDS, who had prepared himself to speak to the resolutions, and cut up the Speaker, was diverted from that long-cherished purpose by a thump from Mr. A. SMITH, a colleague from your City; and the fight became a pretty free one among the gentlemen from New-York. The amendment of Mr. SMITH, that the conduct of members of 1836 appeared to his certain gentlemen in a new spot, by whom a disposition to change front was at once manifested. A considerable amount of personal and political history came out, which was relished by the House, and Mr. FLANNIGAN, Democrat, objected to cutting off debate on this account.

The House took a sensible look at the matter, and setting after mature reflection, were little influenced by those who brought the subject before it. There was no notion of succeeding the crusade of Messrs. FIELDS, DRAKE & Co., or to get up an investigation on irresponsible rumors without specific charges.

The end of the matter was, that whenever any member will make specific charges, and sign his name to them, with the facts and circumstances given, the House will proceed to investigate, if the charges shall appear to demand it.

Mr. TALMAN proposes by bill something practical in criminal trials, by providing that counsel for the prisoner may have the last word to Court and jury before his case is finally submitted.

The Standing Committees having been appointed, a large amount of legislation will soon be launched. The Committees, themselves, give as much satisfaction as usual. I understand that Mr. SEWARD went to the head of the Judiciary Committee, at his own request, instead of the Ways and Means, where, it is understood, his name for some time stood. Mr. DRAKE's appointment at the head of Ways and Means gives universal satisfaction. His ability and qualifications for the leading position are universally acknowledged.

RODERICK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 5.

Mr. POLHEMUS reported favorably a general bill for the repayment of the bounty moneys raised by the several counties in the State.

Mr. CORNELLY noticed a bill to incorporate the Hudson and Harlem River Canal Company.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. CORNELLY—Amendatory of the charter of the Greenwich Insurance Company.

By Mr. MURPHY—Amendatory of the Brooklyn City charter.

By Mr. ROBERTSON—Authorizing the New-York Warehousing Company to construct piers on their lands under water in the Twelfth Ward.

A bill amendatory of the act authorizing town subscriptions to the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad.

THE EMANCIPATION RESOLUTIONS.

The special order, the resolutions of Mr. TRUMAN, declaring in favor of President LINCOLN's Emancipation Proclamation, were then taken up, the question being on the substitute offered by Mr. COZZENS.

Mr. PRATT remarked that it was a well-known fact that the original resolutions were introduced for the purpose of effecting the result upon the election of United States Senator. That event having transpired, he regarded the consideration of the resolutions now as a waste of time. He moved to lay them on the table.

After further debate, Mr. COZZENS's substitute was *adopted by Yeas 19, Nays 7.*

Mr. MURPHY offered another substitute.

A discussion ensued between Messrs. MURPHY and GARTON, when the Senate took a recess until 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Senate went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. MONROE-WAY in the Chair, and took up the special order, the Governor's Message.

No one being prepared to speak, the Senate adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 5.

Resolutions expressive of the regret of the House at the death of Senator WILLARD were introduced, and several speeches were made eulogizing the life and character of the deceased Senator.

The resolutions were then unanimously adopted.

Twelve o'clock.—The hour for the special order having arrived, the resolutions to investigate the charges of corruption against Speaker CALLICOT,

Mr. ROBERTS obtained the floor, and moved to refer the charges to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and on that motion moved the "previous question."

Mr. T. C. FIELDS, on a question of order, claimed that he had the floor when the question was last before the House, and only gave way for a motion to postpone it. He was still entitled to the floor.

Mr. FIELDS characterized the attempt to smother the investigation by referring the charges of corruption to a Committee formed by Speaker CALLICOT himself, after the charges had been made, as dangerous and indelicate. *He reviewed the character of* the Committee to which it was proposed to refer the charges of corruption. *It was a Committee composed* of three Republicans—Messrs. F. E. HAVENS, CURTICE and FIELDS—three of the most active members in the bargain by which the organization of this House was effected—and two Democrats, Messrs. S. SMITH and MOULTON. The latter, while strictly honorable and upright, were yet gentlemen whose mild dispositions and kind hearts did not fit them for the duties of this investigation. He (FIELDS) believed that the Committee had been formed with a special view to smother this investigation after it was known that the Republican caucus had resolved to refer the resolution to that Committee.

Mr. W. DAWES moved a substitute, requiring specific charges in writing against the Speaker, verified by the signature of a member of the House, before a Committee to investigate the charges was granted, and declaring that the investigation must be confined to the specific charges.

Mr. ANDREW SMITH moved an amendment, instructing the Committee to investigate the character of the members of the Legislature and the proceedings of the lobby of 1850 and 1851.

A warm personal debate here sprung up between Mr. FIELDS and Mr. SMITH, in which Mr. FIELDS severely assailed the character and political integrity of Mr. SMITH, declaring that the Committee on Cities and Villages of 1850, of which Mr. SMITH was a member, was a legislative pawn-shop, in which every bill was labeled with a price, and the amount of that price collected before the bill could pass through the Committee.

Mr. DRAKE said that the amendments which had been proposed were evidently intended to smother the investigation into the charges of corruption made against the Speaker. He (DRAKE) was willing to vote for any investigation, but he was not willing to embarrass the present grave subject by frivolous amendments.

Mr. ARMOUR denied that there was any desire to smother the investigation, and admitted that the motion to refer the subject to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, which had been hastily made, was improper. He then withdrew his motion to refer.

Mr. DRAKE was glad that a motion allowing a person charged with corruption to peek his own jury had been withdrawn. He argued that the charges had been distinctly made, and much more so than had ever been done before on this floor, and the members making these charges would be subject to expulsion if they did not substantiate them. The friends of the Speaker on the floor should be the very ones to court the demand for this investigation. They should not seek to evade it.

The debate was continued with considerable spirit till 3 o'clock, when the previous question was entered.

Mr. DURYEA's substitute was adopted, resolving that when a specific charge is made and verified in writing, and signed by a member of the House, giving the facts and circumstances, if the House think an investigation demanded, a Committee of Five shall be appointed to investigate such specified charges.

When the names were called, Messrs. MURPHY and FIELDS severally assailed the Republicans, charging them with crushing an investigation.

Mr. MURPHY said the object of the substitute was to screen the Speaker, charges being made openly on the floor. If they honestly desired an investigation, they would have voted for the original resolution. It was a degrading sight to see the Republicans sneaking and shirking the duty imposed on them by the State, sitting pale and trembling in their seats, frightened to meet the consequences of the corrupt bargain, by which the organization of the House and the election of a United States Senator was effected. He charged that they had placed a living lie in a prside over the House, and had led him into the position, and he stood to-day shaking and trembling lest an investigation should take place, which would place corruption not only on the Speaker, but the foreheads of other members of their party.

Mr. CURTICE called him to order for abusive language.

Mr. MURPHY was not surprised at the interruption of a gentleman, who had been a leader of the party who placed Mr. CALLICOT in the Chair. What did the resolution ask? They asked an investigation into the charges of low, degrading corruption made against the Speaker of the House by a gentleman in high standing in point of intelligence and influence on this floor. With these charges against him Mr. CALLICOT had been forced into the Chair by a party, who now seek to crush investigation and cover up the guilt of the creature they used.

T. C. FIELDS, in the course of his speech said although the object of the Assembly was to crush investigation, they should not succeed, for he should force them to investigate the charges. These he had already made and proved should be reiterated in writing, and he would dare them to refuse investigation.

Mr. CURTICE denied that there was any desire to evade investigation. The object was to secure a specific charge, so that the Committee would not be formed to inquire into the acts of a man's life for years past. Let any charge be made which any member is willing to back with his signature, and all will favor investigation. In reply to the charge that the Speaker desired to evade investigation, he dented its truth. He courted investigation.

Mr. FIELDS—Why does he not say so on the floor, and not go off and leave his new friends to resort to tricks to crush it.

Mr. CURTICE—No trick has been resorted to.

When the name of Mr. DUCHESS was called, he inquired if he could vote, having paired off on a political question.

Mr. SEWARD—This appears to have been made a political question.

Mr. HUBBY—If the gentleman from Steuben considers this a political question he speaks for himself—not for me. If by political dodges and drill the opposition seeks to crush investigation, let them do so—but for one, he had far different motives.

Mr. SEWARD—The gentleman misunderstands me. He said this had been made a political question by gentlemen who announced themselves paired off with political opponents. He was incorrect also in his charges upon the Republicans that they desire to crush investigation. They opposed a roving commission, but were prepared fully to investigate all charges.

Several motions for a recess, and to adjourn, were made and lost.

Mr. DRAKE moved to reconsider the vote adopting the substitute, and lay that motion on the table. Lost, and the House refused to consider the vote.

The following is the substitute as passed:

Whereas, certain rumors of improper official conduct on the part of the member of the House from the Fifth District of Kings County have been circulated, and, whereas, the House desires a full investigation of every distinct charge against said member therefore

Resolved, That whenever a specific charge shall be made against said member of corrupt or criminal conduct in his official character, which charge shall be in writing, signed by a member of the Legislature, stating that he believed the same to be true and giving the facts and circumstances upon which said belief was founded, and which charges shall appear to demand an investigation, then a committee of five shall be elected by the House, with power to send for persons and papers, and inquire into said charges, and report to the House the evidence and conclusion of the Committee thereon.

At 8:20 P. M. adjourned.

The Assembly met again at 7 P. M.

The SPEAKER announced Mr. CORNELL as member of the Committee on Banks, in place of Mr. FIELDS, excused; Mr. CLARK, on Charitable and Religious Societies, in the place of Mr. LOUTREL; Mr. WAIT, on the Erection and Division of Towns and Counties, in the place of Mr. DARCY.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, J. S. HAVENS in the chair, took the floor, and argued in an able speech in favor of the Emancipation Proclamation, the justification of arbitrary arrests, and the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus* as a military necessity.

Mr. DRAKE took the floor to reply, but being indisposed, gave way to a motion to postpone further debate till Thursday next.

Agreed to. Adjourned.

The State Medical Society.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 5.

The State Medical Society have elected the following officers: President, DANIEL F. BISSELL, of Utica; Vice-President, Joel Foster, of New-York; Secretary, Sylvester D. Willard, of Albany; Treasurer, John V. P. Quackenbush, of Albany.

A communication was received from the State Society of Massachusetts, relating gross abuses in the ambulance service and other departments of the medical service in the army.

Dr. J. SWINBURNE, of Albany, gave a history of his experience on the field of battle, pointing out abuses existing, and suggesting remedies which had occurred to him, and which he had already submitted to Ex-Gov. MORGAN, in an official report.

A Committee, consisting of Dr. JOHN SWINBURNE and Dr. S. D. WILLARD, was appointed to communicate with other State Secretaries and act with the Governor of the State, on behalf of the Medical Society, to secure such reforms as are necessary for the safety and comfort of the volunteers on the field of battle, and for the more speedy transfer of wounded soldiers to their homes.

Several very interesting papers were read, mainly relating to subjects suggested by the present war.

Adjourned.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 5.

The Vice-President presented a memorial from the shipmasters and seamen companies of New-York, asking to have prepared hydrographic coast charts for the use of seamen.

Mr. HARRIS, of Oregon, (Dem.,) presented a petition from citizens of Pennsylvania, asking for a suitable camp hospital and ambulance corps.

Mr. RICE, of Minnesota, (Rep.,) presented the credentials of Hon. ALEXANDER S. RAMSEY, elected United States Senator from the State of Minnesota for six years from the 4th of March next.

Mr. POMEROY, of Kansas, (Rep.,) introduced a bill to aid the construction of railroads and telegraphs in Kansas.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Rep.,) offered a resolution, requesting the President to communicate to the Senate, if compatible with the public interests, any information he may have received from our legation in China in regard to the death of Gen. WARD, a citizen of the United States, in the service of the Chinese Government. Adopted.

Mr. WALL, of New-Jersey, (Dem.,) offered a resolution, requesting the Military Committee to inquire into the case of Capt. JOHN WHITBECK, formerly of the Fourth New-Jersey Regiment, who has been confined for several months in Fort Delaware, and report in relation to the charges against him, and by what authority he was so confined. Laid over.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, (Rep.,) called up the bill in relation to jurors in Courts of the United States, which was passed.

Mr. GRIMES, of Iowa, (Rep.,) introduced a bill to incorporate the National Association for the Relief of Colored Women and Children; Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. TRUMBULL called up the bill concerning the Courts in Washington Territory. Passed.

Mr. TRUMBULL also called up the bill to temporarily supply vacancies in the Executive Departments. Passed.

Mr. TRUMBULL also called up a bill to change the time of holding the District Courts in certain districts. Passed.

The bill to encourage enlistments, and the enrollment and drafting of the militia, was taken up. The pending question on Mr. CARLILE's motion to strike out the 6th section was discussed at considerable length by Messrs. COLLAMER, BAYARD and DAVIS.

Mr. CARLILE, of Virginia, (Union,) wished to call the attention of the Senate to the question before them. The objection to this section was that it gave the President power over persons drafted, and subjected them to the articles and rules of war before they were mustered into the service of the United States, the same as if they were in actual service. He said this very question was raised, and the same objection was made, in the Convention which formed the Constitution. He quoted from Story's Commentaries, that there was a distinction in being simply drafted, and being in actual service; and that the General Government did not have control of the militia until in actual service. He thought it not expedient to give such power to the President. He said that there was an impression that this war was waged for other purposes than the restoration of the "Union as it was," and he thought that there was much to give strength to that impression. He was for the "Union as it was," and believed that there was force enough in the Constitution to preserve the Union, by such means as might be employed against the rebellion, but not against loyal people. If the policy of the war was to be liberty to the slave or death to the Union, then the latter would be the only result attained from the attempt to prosecute such a war. If the Administration had a policy, no matter what, it should be changed, if it was against the will of the people; and the people had declared, with great unanimity, that this was not a war of subjugation, but to restore the Union, and put down an armed insurrection.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, (Rep.,) was surprised at the opposition to this bill. We had arrived at a condition where we could not fill up the army with volunteers, and the question was, How should we fill up the army? Was the Senator from Virginia willing to give up the contest? Every nation had some kind of a conscription law, and Congress had the power to raise armies. In regard to this section, it simply fixed the time when a man should be considered to be in the service of the United States. The opinion of Judge STORY, therefore, had no bearing on this section.

Mr. DOOLITTLE, of Wisconsin, (Rep.,) said that he had a decision of the Supreme Court on this point. The case arose in Pennsylvania, and Justice WASHINGTON delivering the opinion of the Court, laid down the rule that a distinction was to be made between a person called into the service, and one who was actually employed. But he further said that Congress might have declared, and perhaps it was better it should have declared, that the time when a man was in service might date from the time he was drafted, or when the order was given to the Governor. But Justice STORY was from New-England, and, perhaps dissatisfied toward the war of 1812, delivered a dissenting opinion, and that was quoted.

Mr. SHERMAN claimed that the question really was, whether we should fill up our armies and continue the war, or whether we should give it up. He urged that the bill, instead of being liable to objection, settled the question referred to by Judge STORY, and made the time definite when the term of service began. He would have had the bill gone farther, and made the proper exceptions of those who should be drafted. The laws of France and Prussia had many close exceptions, which would prevent many hard cases that would occur under a general law. If we would have fewer political speeches and less talk about the negro, and turn our energies to the suppression of the rebellion, we should soon see good results. He believed that a proper conscription law, with the necessary limitations, to be the most important law that this Congress could pass. If no such law was passed, he should despair of success. If we followed the armies to dwindle in consequence of party disputes and quarrels about Generals, we might as well give up the contest. But he did not believe that the people ever would give up this contest until the rebellion was crushed out.

Mr. CARLILE claimed that the decision referred to by the Senator from Wisconsin was merely a dictum of Judge WASHINGTON.

The motion to strike out the section was rejected, yeas 15, nays 26.

Mr. DAVIS, of Kentucky, (Union,) moved to amend by inserting the word "white," so as to make it read, "all able bodied white male citizens."

Mr. LANE, of Indiana, (Rep.,) moved to recommit the bill to the Military Committee, with a view to incorporate certain exemptions.

Mr. HOWARD, of Minnesota, (Rep.,) was willing to go as far as the furthest in the prosecution of the war. But he wanted to know if it was the desire of the Democratic leaders to indoctrinate that party with the idea that this was an unconstitutional war, and that they were under no obligation to give it support.

Mr. McDOUGALL, of California, (Dem.,) did not understand the Senator, or see any reason why he should make a partisan speech at this time. He would not engage in any party discussion with him. He had endeavored to keep out party politics from discussions in the Senate. The Democrats of the loyal States were willing to do all that was necessary to strengthen the Government and restore the Union.

Mr. DOOLITTLE regarded this as one of the most important bills that Congress could pass. It was necessary that the war should be carried on, and the rebellion must be put down by the sword and bayonet, and, if necessary, the whole strength of the country should be called out. He very much regretted to hear this war discussed in a partisan spirit. There was a time when there were no parties in regard to the war, and he believed that now the people were, without distinction, true to the Government when the real issue was presented of whether this Government should live or die, and a military despotism be erected on its ruins. If the people, for any cause, should fail to support the Government, and the Southern Confederacy was established, it needed no prophet to foretell the result. Appeals would be made, first, to the Border States, to join them, and then to Pennsylvania and Indiana, by promising them a monopoly of manufacturing, and, under the lead of such Democrats as JAMES BUCHANAN, an effort would be made to compel these States to go into that Confederacy. He believed that to be the original conspiracy to which JAMES BUCHANAN was a partner. The friend of BUCHANAN, Judge BLACK, has said that if the South went, the State of Pennsylvania would go with them.

Mr. RICE, of Minnesota, (Dem.,) asked the Senator if he would express his opinion of HORACE GREELEY?

Mr. DOOLITTLE said he was perfectly willing to express his opinion. He regarded the course of the New-York *Tribune* in December 1860, and also the course pursued by that paper latterly, as among the most unfortunate of occurrences, and most mischievous in its tendency. The New-York *Herald* was regarded as the organ of the Democratic party, and day after day that paper was saying to the people of the South: "If you go out of the Union, and the friends of Mr. LINCOLN shall undertake to force the people to submit to his authority, the Democracy of the North will raise in arms, and no Republican soldier shall ever be permitted to leave his State." This was the language of the *Herald*, until those at the South believed that the Democracy of the North would fight against their country, and that if there was a civil war, it would be in the free States. The New-York *Tribune* at the same time, almost equally unfortunate, said: "If they want to go, let them go." Here was the New-York *Tribune*, claiming to be the leader of the great Republican party, saying in substance to these secession sections: "If you go, the Republicans will not fight you." These two presses, working upon the minds of secessionists, made them believe that they could enter upon and carry through their attempt to reconstruct the Union without any war.

Mr. LATHAM, of California, (Dem.,) raised the point that this discussion was out of order. The question was on the motion to refer the bill.

The Vice-President decided that it was out of order.

Mr. DOOLITTLE said there had always been the utmost latitude on such motions.

Mr. RICE moved that the Senator have leave to go on. He wanted the Senator to express his opinion on the conduct of the Secretary of State in sending the French Minister to Richmond, and in sending messages through him to Jeff. Davis.

Mr. FOSTER, of Connecticut, (Rep.,) said this was entirely out of order, and he objected to any answer.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Rep.,) hoped the Senator might answer.

Mr. DOOLITTLE did not wish to say anything out of order, and declined to proceed.

The bill was then recommitted to the Military Committee.

Mr. LATHAM presented a memorial from the Pacific Telegraph Company, received, to-day, relative to the bill to modify the present Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph law.

Mr. COWAN, of Pennsylvania, (Rep.,) offered a resolution requesting the President to communicate to the Senate the number of volunteer and militia men actually raised and mustered *into the service by the* several States, and the times when their terms of service *expire. Adopted.*

The bill to revive the act to pay bounty and pensions to the men actually employed in the Department of the West, was taken up. *Adjourned.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 5.

Mr. COLFAX, of Indiana, (Rep.,) reported a bill to establish thirty-seven additional post routes, but making no appropriation. Passed without being read.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, (Rep.,) reported back the Senate's amendments to the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill.

The House disagreed to the amendment restricting the mileage of members to ten cents per mile to and from Washington.

The House, by a vote of 63 against 54, concurred in the Senate's amendment striking out the appropriation for a subscription to the *National Intelligencer*, for the Second Comptroller's office, and inserting "one city newspaper."

A similar amendment, in connection with the office of the First Auditor, was agreed to.

Before the vote was taken, Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, (Union,) spoke a kind word for the *Intelligencer*. Although it might differ from the Administration and the majority of the House, as to the conduct of the war, it was honestly devoted to the maintenance of the Government, and was of good morals and honest constitutional tastes. That it was a strong opponent of treason there was no doubt.

Mr. LOVEJOY did not agree with the gentleman, that the paper was this, that and the other.

Mr. MAYNARD replied that he heard the gentleman was in the habit of reading the *Intelligencer*.

Mr. LOVEJOY replied that he heard about it, every morning, in the family where he was boarding.

Mr. MAYNARD thought the gentleman was not competent to express such an opinion, after admitting that he had not read that paper. For himself, he read it every day, before setting out of bed.

Mr. LOVEJOY, of Illinois, (Rep.,) did not see why the *Intelligencer* should have any pecuniary benefit over other papers, and he thus held and cherished.

The House directed that a Committee of Conference be asked, on the disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill.

Mr. WALLACE, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) rising to a question of privilege, said his colleague, (Mr. STEVENS,) in a recent speech, charged that he had after making patriotic speeches, entering compromise and negotiation, which in such a case was to make a covenant with hell. Mr. WALLACE denied that he ever proposed such action. The compromise he suggested was with regard to legislation, in order to secure harmonious action. He had denounced the rebellion out and out, from the threshold, and every man connected with it. He was for vigorously carrying on the war and putting down the rebellion. He would compromise with no rebels in arms. He was sensitive on the subject of the charge, because it was so distant from his feelings and desire. He was for no compromise except an honorable one, by which the country could be saved, but not while the rebels were in arms and in a threatening attitude.

Mr. STEVENS was very glad to hear this from his colleague. He was satisfied that he had misunderstood his remarks. But this was not wonderful, considering the distance at his seat, the noise, and the continual confusion in the hall. There was nothing objectionable in his colleague's remarks, and he would take the earliest occasion to make the proper correction.

Mr. SARGENT, of California, (Union,) introduced a bill disapproving of certain acts of the Legislature of Nevada, which require the officers of all mining corporations, carrying on mining in the Territory, to reside therein. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SEDWICK, of New-York, (Rep.,) from the Naval Committee, reported a joint resolution to revise and codify the naval laws. Passed.

Mr. SEDWICK reported a bill, which passed, amending the second section of the Naval Pension act of June 14, 1862, so as to give the parties therein mentioned $30 instead of $15 per month.

The House resumed the Naval Appropriation bill, which appropriates an aggregate of sixty-eight millions of dollars.

An item of twelve millions for iron war steamers was amended so as to provide that no contracts shall be entered into for construction until proposals have been solicited from the principal iron shipbuilders, and made on the most favorable terms.

An appropriation for the Philadelphia Navy-yard was reduced from $236,000 to $225,000 for repairs of all kinds.

An appropriation for the Brooklyn Navy-yard was increased, in order to accommodate three vessels now building there, 428 feet in length.

Eighty-five thousand dollars were appropriated for the Norfolk Navy-yard, to facilitate the repair of vessels; but not to be understood as rebuilding that yard.

Without concluding action on the bill, the House adjourned.

THE LATEST FROM MEXICO.

Reported Advance of the French—A Proclamation by Gen. Ortega.

Advices from the city of Mexico are to the 4th of January. The *El Heraldo* of that date says that the French are rapidly advancing upon the capital and that the invaders and the invaded will soon meet face to face, and expressed faith in the triumph of Mexican arms.

A correspondent of the paper says that he saw landed in Vera Cruz eight hundred mules purchased in the United States for the French.

Advices from Puebla also represent the French army as advancing. Six thousand men, with twenty seven guns, formerly at Quechulac had reached Tecamachalo and the forces that covered Perote were also on the move.

The following has been published:

MINISTRY OF WAR AND MARINE,
PUEBLA, Jan. 3, 1863.

[Received in Mexico at 6 P. M.]

The Minister of War

Last night the whole force of Gen. CARVAJAL bivouacked at San Bartolo. The enemy had not moved. I have just received a dispatch stating that the commander of the fourth squadron of Zacatecas, Pruss PELLAUSA, has passed through Tecamachalco and Quechulac—two points occupied by the invaders—and taken one hundred and thirty mules from them. I have also this moment received another dispatch, which says that the National Guard of Cholotepec have captured near Palmar five hundred mules, which were on their way for the invading army.

I have to-day given directions that everything captured from the enemy shall be prize to the captors, and with reference to these beasts of burden, I have only stipulated this condition, (but they shall be sold at these headquarters, inasmuch as they may be useful for the public service.) I had forgotten to say that Acultzingo is neither occupied by our forces nor by those of the enemy. There is no other news.

JESUS G. ORTEGA.

MANUEL MARIA DE SARDOVAL.

MEXICO, Jan. 3, 1863.

The Ball for the Benefit of the German Hospital.

The Ball instituted by the Ladies Aid Society came off last night at Irving Hall, and was one of the happy events of the season. That a society of Germans should meet together for convivial enjoyment and fall in their intentions and purposes would be a circumstance not easily reconciled with their established reputation for determining, when they once decide to give a social entertainment, to carry it through in spite of all obstacles. It may be inferred from this that there was no interference with the enjoyment of last evening, and perhaps every one was convinced that the unpropitious state of the weather would prevent a large attendance of the fair. It must be admitted, however, that notwithstanding the flood of rain, the ball was well attended, the elements having apparently little or no influence in deterring the lovers of mirth from indulging in their favorite pastime. To witness the constant satisfaction, which characterized the gathering of last night, would delight the most stoic spectator. There is an air of cordiousness about a German dancer that adds much to the grace and beauty of a ball-room. The frigidity and stiffness which is too often noticeable among Americans, is, to a great extent, unobservable in a party of Germans assembled for a ball. While perfect decorum is enacted, they do not mistake etiquette by declining to contribute to each other's enjoyment. The ball of last evening was not different in its features from others held by the same class of citizens. The main object was to promote pleasure, and that was successfully accomplished.

Under the management of the Director, Mr. JOHN W. WEBB, the whole affair passed off in the most satisfactory manner. Messrs. H. MEANS and W. GREVE, the floor managers deserve credit for the ability they displayed in the performance of their special duty.

The ball was intended to be the *finale* of the Ladies' Fair which has been open for the past few weeks. Upon this occasion the principal officers of the Society were present. It is understood that the net proceeds of the fair amount to nearly $10,000. Of course, tickets for the ball were purchased by hundreds by persons who were not present. The managers of the proceedings evince unfeigned satisfaction at the highly successful patronage with which they have been favored. The object of the Fair and Ball was to raise funds for the German Hospital—and certainly assistance could not be extended to a more worthy object. The Germans have, one and all, evinced a commendable degree of generosity.

THE NEW-JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

TRENTON, N. J., Thursday, Feb. 5.

Mr. SEWARD, (Wat Dem.,) of Camden, offered the following joint resolutions in the House today:

Resolved, That the unparalleled events of the past two years have revealed to the people of the United States, beyond question or the possibility of doubt, that a peaceful reconstruction upon the form of our Constitution, is repelled and scorned by every State now in rebellion, and that secession means treason; and in the hearts of its supporters, North or South, meant war against our country, and the disintegration of our nation.

Second, That the citizens of the United States in the State of New-Jersey, believing it the duty of every good citizen to sacrifice ease, estate, applause, and life itself, at the sacred call of our country, now declare their unalterable determination to sustain the Government in its efforts to maintain the honor, the integrity and the existence of our National Union.

Third, That no differences of political opinion, no badge of diversity upon points of party distinction, shall restrain or withhold us in the devotion of all we have or can command in the vindication of our Government, the maintenance of its laws, and the defence of the flag of our country.

These were referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The following resolutions regarding paper duties have passed both Houses:

Whereas, Printing paper is one of the great necessities of the country at large, and the cheap and unlimited diffusion of reading matter is essential to the welfare and intelligence of our people and the permanence of our republican institutions; and

Whereas, It is represented that a combination now exists between leading domestic printing paper manufacturers, which results in largely advancing rates for paper, proving at once detrimental to the publisher and the reader; and

Whereas, By the present duty on foreign printing paper, its importation is almost if not wholly prohibited to the advantage of the few and the detriment of the many, and at the same time to the exclusion of all revenue to the National Government from the source intended to be in

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to exert their influence in favor of a large reduction of the present duties on imported printing paper.

MEETING OF THE ENGINEERS AND FOREMEN OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT—THE DEATH OF JOHN SLOWEY.—At a special meeting of the Board of Engineers and Foremen of the New-York Fire Department, convened at Firemen's Hall, on Thursday, Feb. 5, 1863, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has summoned to their bourne from whence no traveler returns, our deeply esteemed friend and associate, JOHN SLOWEY, Ex-Foreman of Engine No. 18, who died on the 1st inst., while in the discharge of his duty at the conflagration in Cherry-street; and, *Whereas*, this and every demands from us an expression of the feelings of deep and abiding sorrow which fills our hearts by the loss of one who, while living, to know was to love; and that he, if we mistake not, in a special criterion, is mourn; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of JOHN SLOWEY we have lost one who was ever ready to counsel and advise us in all matters leading to the support and elevation of our beloved institution, and during his connection with which he was esteemed to us all by the possession of those many virtues which constitute and mark the man, and won for himself a place in our hearts which time cannot efface.

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the death of our late friend and companion, and we tender our heartfelt condolence in the company with which he was so long associated, his many friends, and his bereaved family, and pray that He who puleth on high will be with them in the hour of their sorrow; and now that the mortal remains are to be taken to their last resting place, and we shall see him no more among us, we will console ourselves with the reflection that his spirit has taken flight to a better world, while his memory will ever be green in our hearts.

Resolved, That this body, together with the respective companies, attend the funeral of our deceased associate, and that the various apparatus and houses be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That the Fire Department attend the funeral of Mr. JOHN SLOWEY, on Friday, Feb. 6, at 12½ o'clock, in the Bowery, right resting on Broome-street, the various companies wearing their respective mourning badges, the officers with trumpets draped in mourning, the Chief and Engineers with crape and scarfs, the fire alarm bells to be tolled during the solemnities, the Fire Department banner, in charge of a delegation from the various companies; and that the Board of Fire and Appeal Commissioners, the Trustees and the Engineers' Association be invited to unite with us in performing the last tribute of respect to the lamented deceased.

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